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## **Drugs threat in** Northern Ireland

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# ragis' hijack gamble Tilt survives

John Mullin, Christopher Elliott, Owen Bowcott,

HE security ser rices were last night expected to begin debriefing seven Iraqi hijackers who gave Airport yesterday, sparking a political row. It appeared the iraqis, thought to be dissidents, may have been successful in their high-stakes

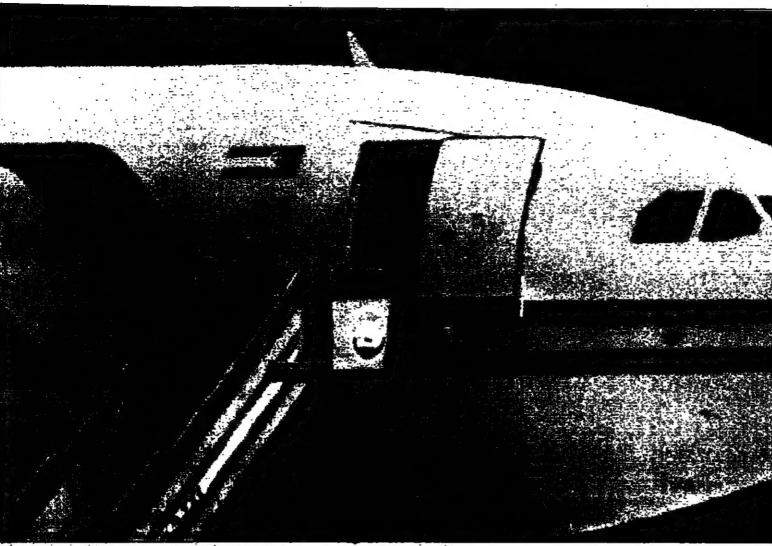
The hijackers, who safely released the other 192 passengers and crew on the Sudan Airways flight diverted from Jordan, had claimed they were carrying explosives.
They are likely to be prosecuted and serve jail terms in
Britain instead of being returned to the Sudan, closely linked to Saddam Hussein's regime.

Their relatives, who were also on the flight, may be allowed to stay. Last night six women were being held under immigration law, and two children were being looked after by police. Last night Jordanian offi-

cials who arrived from London to help the 13 Jordanian passengers on board said there was great fear among the passengers when one man stood up and proclaimed the flight was being hijsched. "The hijschers were quite

aggressive at first. One man stood up with a knife just be-fore they reached the Red Sea. ile was tackied by someone else but their another hijecter stood up and said he had a grenade. In the sarly part of the hijack they were a little water for people and they wouldn't let them go to the tollet, but when they knew they relaxed."

One of the hijeckers is understood to be an attache to the Iraqi embassy in Khar-toum, travelling on a diplometic passport. The others are believed to be low-rank-ing opponents of Saddam Hussein's regime on a military lelegation to Khartoum. They had been summoned back to phasised their arrival by Baghdad. Others recalled in criminal means would be



British servicement enter the Sudhemed stilling at Stansted vesterday after the Iraqi liftackers gave themselves up

station in Essex, believed they could trade off political asylum for their families for their own jail terms. Their success could depend on how much their relations knew when they boarded the flight, and how much the hijackers

can tall the security services. While maintaining the applications of the hijackers would be treated no differently from any others received the Home Office emphasised their arrival by similar circumstances have taken into consideration. been executed. There were indications that

The hijecture, who were meent they would be prose man of the foreign affairs have with people who want to be ing haid at Harlow police cutted and jailed, and then select committee, insisted the be as far away from Iraq as Cyprus, and threatened to mishandled".

Station in Essex, believed allowed to remain. Sven if the hijackers failed

to prove "a well-founded fear of persecution" because of race or politics were they to return home, Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, could grant them exceptional

Britain has granted refugee status to 1,825 Iraqis since 1992, and exceptional leave to remain to a further 1,905. The hijackers appear to be banking on Britain's unwillingness to turn its back on opponents of Saddam.

But Debid Howall chair.

Sudan. Permission to allow them to remain would make Britain seem a soft touch for terrorists.

Mr Howell said:
"If the word gets round that
the quick way to asylum is
three years in jall and then you're out, and in the country where you wanted to get to, that would be absolutely disastrous to the whole policy towards asylum seeke

Sir Peter Lloyd, former Conserviative Home Office minister, said: "However But David Howall, chair- much sympathy we might on board, bound for Amman. | aircraft.

could follow. Sudan Airways Flight 150 landed at Stansted shortly before 4.30 am, sparking the first hijack crisis on British soil for 14 years. Within two hours, the first of the passen-gers were being released in batches of 10. None was Brit-

course." Otherwise, he

warned, similar incidents

ish. Nobody was injured.

The hijackers had taken control of the aircraft 25 minutes into the flight on Monday with 199 passengers and crew

## after 537 freed in jails fiasco

Alan Travis Home Affairs Editor

HE fiasco over the early release of pris-oners plumbed new depths last night when the Home Secretary was forced to announce that 537 inmates had been freed, six times more than the original figure of 86 announced last Friday.

Mr Howard admitted last night that it will not be poss-ible to return any of the released prisoners to jail, whatever the outcome of a High Court battle this week over the legality of the early

The 537 inmates released before last Friday's sudden of 86 prisoners was based on suspension of the programme come from a majority of the 138 prisons in England and Wales. They have been released on average three months early.

The Home Secretary said he was only told last night of the latest blunder after he called in the Director-General of the Prison Service, Richard Tilt, to demand an explanation of ast week's events.

At no stage was Mr Tilt's had been thought initially resignation offered or asked that the complicated recalcufor and last night he took responsibility for the fiasco, accepting that the whole matter had "been gravely gravely

director-general for Heathrow, signalling their stressed that ministers had not been informed about the The British authorities diearly releases of inmates until after they had started. verted the pilot, Abdel Hamid Hidirbi, to Stansted only 15 Nor were Ministers aware of the numbers involved. It was the Prison Service which had

ble of Essex police, said the crisis ended when the hijackers were told Iraqi dissident Saddiq Saddah, based in London, had arrived. They had demanded to talk to him. failed to appreciate the scale of the problem, he admitted.
"I can only say in mitigation that these serious failures occurred in good faith and in the light of our legal A spokesman said police had discovered knives and imitation explosives on the advice from the Home

He revealed that "the per-formance of some individ-Justice, page 9

vice was being looked at. The Home Secretary ac cepted Mr Tilt's personal apology: "He has done a good job as director-general. Not every failure necessarily

leads to resignation. I don't think this failure is a matter for resignation." said Mr Howard. "I have made it clear to him that I took a very seri-ous view of what happened. I have accepted his personal apology."
Mr Tilt, sitting beside
Michael Howard at a Home

Office press conference last night, explained how the latest blunder had happened: "We certainly have a data col-lection problem." He said the original figure

only partial returns from the prisons and over the weekend more jails had reported. programme of early release

was taken after internal Home Office legal advice which suggested a change in the rules was needed on how time spent on remand was counted for prisoners serving consecutive sentences Mr Tilt said last night it

lation of prisoners'-sentences which flowed from the new policy would only involve a handful of inmates. He now admitted that there were a further 400 who would have been released immediately on top of the 537 if the pro-gramme had not been halted. He also confirmed that a further 4,000 would have been released early as they neared the end of their sentences.

Mr Tilt's predecessor, Derek Lewis, who was sacked last October by Mr Howard, says in an article in today's Guardian that the affair has into a noble art form".

Time for a Minister of

## 'But if to marry is hopeful, divorce is more real'

Fifteen years ago the Poet Laureate John Betjeman recorded the joy of their wedding; today poet Michael Horovitz finds lines to mark their divorce

John Hann

FEW strokes of an arts official's pen yester, day, an extra comme and it was done. Out wen Her Royal Highness The Princess of Wales. In came Princess of Wales. In come Gazette. Both lost the right a new free but more lowly to be called HRH under the spirit — Diana, Princess of their divorce Wales.

Formalising it will take a bucket of ink later this draughtemanship made the week, when the London English National Ballet the Gazette gets around to published in the land to use the lishing letters patent an new title. Diana will be nouncing "formal guide- known by it when her delines on general principles" about the dropping of today.

The company chose the name to the principles of the company chose the new title restarday when

Neither the princess nor the Duchess of York, whose divorce was finalised almost three months ago, will be mentioned in the "let does at the moment the ters patent" entry in the divorce comes through.

Excerpt from Betjeman's royal wedding poem:

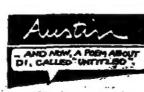
I'm glad that you are marrying at home
Below Sir Christopher's embracing dome;
Four square on that his golden
cross and ball npiete our own Cathedral of St Paul.

rds in the City churchyards hail the dawn, Charles and Diana, on your wedeling morn.
Come college youths, release your twelve-voiced power Genocaled within the graceful belfretower Till loud as breakers plunging

upon the shore The land is drouned in one meladious rour.

settlements. But faster, crisper

new style yesterday when amouncing her visit to its headquarters because she





Prince Charles: spending the day with his sons

The company is the only British arts group with which Diana chose to retain links after the de-cree nisi came through six

weeks 200. Prince Charles is due to spend the day with their sons at Balmoral, scene of the first public rift between the couple early in their marriage when the prin-cess got bored with rustic ways and broke her holiday to visit London.

A Gallup poll for the Protestant Reformation Society published yesterday found a majority of Leader comment, page 3



churchgoers feel the Prince of Wales, as a divorcee, can-not hold the position of Supreme Governor of the Church of England. More than half of Anglican clergy would oppose his re-

marriage. Fewer than half these clergy believe the reigning monarch must be a member of the Church of England. The proportion of Anglican laity who wish the Queen to continue as Supreme Governor has fallen from '88 per cent to 71 per cent.

Lines for British (& universal) subjects, occasioned by the divorce of Diana from Charles, August 28, 1996

"Three million jobless, and only One royal wedding" Rang the scornful chant from Inverness to Reading Cried by Thatcher's children athwart the chartered

minutes before landing.

John Bowden, chief consta-

The night your marriage hugged the tabloid sheets Belittling the riots, brutality and wars these 15 years

ago; and so? Yous used to love yous - but it's all over now . . .

Both sound-bitten to the core, yet sort-of free again To sharpen pleasures, file away the pain At the loosing of bonds, duties, dues That spelled such right-Hon, family fo-fum values For so many right-minded jingoistic Tories Keeping-it-all-in-the-family vault of bedtime stories. But if to marry is hopeful, divorce

Is more real - if the course ran "for worse" Why wait for the hearse, or the children to die (— No pun, or punishment, intended?) Don't cry. You took your turns at waxwork corgi tea And did your best to distill the royal wee. My favourite badge depicts a well-schooled whale Praying: "Save the Humans"! Let's all In friendship with ourselves come singalong A new refrain to Teddy-bear Betjer's song: Once God saved Queens and families saved face

— In 1996 the worldwide race Itself hangs in the balance. The humanity we share Needs backing up with hard love, cash and care For every child, woman, man or beast in need Cutting through imperial vanity, domestic greed. Marriage - fare well; lovers - love better And poets: if the Muse ignores the news - upset her.

Michael Horovitz (C)

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#### Sketch

## Scan and scoff, free of prying eyes



Martin Linton

BREAKFAST will be wonderful this morning. I shall have two slices of Mother's Pride thick white toasted, spread with Anchor butter and topped with three rashers of crispy Danish back

finally found a way of shopping that is completely hielded from the prying eyes

of fellow shoppers.
I just pick up something that looks like a mobile phone on the way into the supermarket, use it to scan the bar codes on all the goods I put into my trolley, plug it into a machine called an auto pay point along with a couple of pieces of plastic and I'm out.

No emptying the trolley, no filling it up again, no signing cheques, no paying cash and, most important, no displaying my entire week's shopping on out to check out and for the entire neighbourhood to com-

Up to now I could have been sure, if I'd bought a loaf of Mother's Pride, that I'd be in the same queue as the chairwoman of the local Green Party. "I'm surprised at you, Martin," she would have said, "eating that junk. It's just

I haven't bought butter openly in a supermarket for years for fear of that tap on the shoulder from my daughter's aerobics tutor. "I can't help noticing, Mr Linton, she would have said in her Aberdonian accent, "that you're buying butter. Do you know what it does to your arteries?"

As for bacon, well, d'you seriously think I would dare to buy the stuff? I can just see my animal rights friend picking up the packet of best Danish back and asking: "When did you stop being a vegetarian?" Under this new scheme, piloted yesterday in a supermarket in Reigate, Surrey, I

shopping into green boxes on my trolley and smuggle it through the checkout without the checkout, see what I'm

eating. There's one problem though. Nine times out of 10 the auto pay point prints out the message "you don't need to be checked". That means you can just put in the plastic and walk though but they are the prints of the plastic and walk though but they are the prints of the plastic and walk though but they are the prints of the plastic and walk though but they are the prints of the plastic and walk though but they are the plastic and walk though but they are the plastic. walk through. But just occasionally you have to be re-

If they find that you've made a mistake, then you'll be put on the re-scan for weeks. If the machine suspects you of shoplifting, it'll have your plastic off you.

So you need to make sure you scan correctly. It's a status symbol if the machine accepts your honesty, "I haven't been scanned since before Christmas," says Gay Giles, of Reigate, proudly. "Sod's law you'll get checked this time," says Emma Mason

of Safeways.

Mason admits the scanning system could be an obvious target for thieves but said the company had had no problems so far. "Psychologically, people don't go for the most obvious way of stealing. People who use this system have a high profile in the store and are therefore more conscious they are being watched. We are trusting our customers and it is paying

The company claims it hasn't had any more shrinkage (its word for shoplifting) in the 47 shops that let you can your own goods than in the 324 that don't. In other words, its shoppers, deep down, are honest.

Mind you, the company's got their name and address. It is a major deterrent and w carry out random checks," says Mason. And maybe customers should worry more about what the supermarket knows about them. Its computer can already analyse how much they spend on chil-dren's videos or mascara or

There's nothing that reveals more about a person than the weekly shopping bill. So how much longer will it be before they start to target mail with letters that start: "Dear sir, As a regular purchaser of our corn pads, you may be in-terested in . . . " I think I'll pay

### Pilot: 'They are ordinary people, they need protection for their families.' Control: 'OK. That is understood'

## Calm control ends hijack

Christopher Elliott und Owen Bowcott

S THE Airbus A310 swept in from the south long before dawn, the landing ights at the end of Stansted airport's runway briefly illuminated the yellow and blue livery of Sudan Air-ways. Seconds later, at 4.28am, flight SUD150 with 199 people touched down.

On board were seven Iraqi liackers and members of their families desperate to escape Saddam Hussein's regime. The men had seized the plane less than haif an hour after take-off from Khartourn on Monday afternoon for a flight to Amman in

They refuelled at Larnaca in Cyprus and ordered the pilot and his crew of 12 to head for London, apparently

agreed to allow the aircraft to

Heathrow but were diverted to Stansted — the UK's desig-nated airport for receiving hijacked aircraft. Once on the tarmac, the aircraft taxied to an isolated stand in front of a massive hanear where the unfolding drama could be played out as the rest of the airport continued as normal.

the jet and a fire tender stood Negotiations began at Winston Bernard and two

Armed police surrounded

the control tower making con-tact by radio with the hijackers through the jet's pilot, Captain Abdel Hamid

Negotiations

at gunpoint. When the British | yielded their demands: they government heard of the hijackers' determination, it | the Red Cross and the United Refugees, and Mr Sadiq Sadah, of the Iraqi Community Association, to oversee their

urrender.
At 5.25am, while Metropolitan police tracked down Mr Sadah — an influential figure in the association, which helps expatriates with asylum the aircraft's cockpit opened and more than 200 media representatives watched steps being manoeuvred into place

By 6.24am, as the day's first scheduled flight from Corfu arrived, two women, in bright orange dress, made their way down the steps, past three armed officers, and They were the first of several quickly and the frail to be freed. vere going on. At 7am, the pilot radioed

They are not fundamentalists. They are not political ... they are ordinary peop they have been persecuted by Saddam regime. They need protection for their families." Thank you for that. That is all perfectly understood and be-lieved. Could they please release another batch in any

firmed that between 70 and 80 hostages had been released. The 500 officers, with more than 20 armoured vehicles Just after 9.20am. Chief Inthe softly softly policy was working and that 14 groups of 10 had been released. The total had reached 160 by 9.40am and they were being debriefed.

the pilot over the radio:
"People must leave the aircraft one by one. Nobody else is to leave the aircraft until I say so, Understand? OK?" The pilot replied: "Copy." Then the negotiation said:

"They must come out slowly with their hands in front. If they are carrying any weapons or explosives they weapons or explosives they are to hold them out in front place them at the bottom of the steps and leave them

The pilot responded: "The hijackers will release their families first. Their families will leave first, their females and children."
The first of the hijackers'

Two more women left the minutes later, a young aircraft at 11.20am and 15 mother and two small chiltheir hands on their heads. From then on, others emerged singly or with children at four- or five-minute intervals. By 12.37am, every-one was off the sircraft except the crew.

At 1.20pm, the negotiator told the pilot: "Captain, before I tell you to come out, can I just say we think you've done a marvellous job and I think we owe you a large milkshake." He replied: "I do being patient with us. And co-operation."

The crew carefully made

their way off the plane, the last to leave being Captain Hidirbi Largely unset

### The British are known to help. They've accepted

asylum seekers before. If cases are studied by

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lnot?'



A firefighter at Stansted examines through binoculars the hijacked Sudanese airliner yesterday

The Person was a series

## The prat in the hat whips up a party

Garth Cartwright

Review

Notting Hill Cemival ARNIVAL allows for all kinds of celebration but the widest smile belongs to Jamiroquai's Jason Kay, a native son of west London whose band had headlin-

Kay is the wideboy of British pop, all mouth and hats, dogged by controversy since Jamiroquai's debut album entered the charts at No. 1 three years ago. Partly this is due to Sony promoting Jamiroquai in a multi-million pound package while so much black British music languishes

underfunded. Kay's habit of being a walking, talking contradiction has not helped: this is the environmentalist who spent his initial royalties on an Aston Martin. An appearance on The Girlie Show wearing only his boxer shorts confirmed for many that he is the prat in the hat. nately, it is skin game that gets played most often

with Kay: can white men sing black? This is irrelevant. Through out this century there has been a two way traffic. Jimmie Rodgers learned from mie Rougers learned from black musicians in the 1920s and was Howling Wolf's favourite singer. Wolf became the Rolling Stones' hero and they gave Wolf and his peers an international audience while influencing a genera-tion of black and white musicians. What matters is whether a musician like Kay develops from his source material or remains a mimic. Kay's natural ability is unquestionable but his song writing and arranging skills remain little more than Xeoxes of 1970s soul moves. The 1995 remix of Space Cowboy by master DJ David

Morales put Kay above a bub-bling house beat and back in the charts. None of his new songs follows up that experi-ence. Jamiroquai, as much as Oasis, reflect British pop retro instincts with a sound b on one period of a more inno-vative talent from two or three decades ago. Jamiroquai headlined the

Kiss FM stage at 6pm. Facing sea of humanity, the nine-plece band were almost inaudible beneath the boom of sound systems and the hum enerators. Kay has proved a iurable performer ever since acid jazz went belly up and with some slick disco moves the wide-brimmed, Artful Dodger of Britfunk whipped his band into motion and sang. Beyond all other reser-vations it is the joyous yelp of a voice that determines Jamir

oquai's popularity.
The choice of Jamiroquai to headline Kiss FM's stage was questioned by some. Kay has always been connected with the station yet there was reservations about the elevation of an essentially pop band with tough grooves over othe artists more in tune with car-nival's Afro-Caribbean

synergy. But as twilight set in and thousands of whistles and horns blared to add a Latin London flavour to Jamiro quai's chunky guitar, brassy horns and didgeridoo I had to admit this westside player knows how to hold a party. This review appeared i later editions yesterday.

## UK seen as safe haven

Experts divided on the case for refugee status

Alan Travis Home Affairs Editor

HE Iraqi hijackers were widely assumed to have chosen London as their ain's record as the principal safe haven for Middle Eastern political dissidents.

As a member of the Iraql

Britain put it yesterday: "The British are known to help in these matters. They have accepted asylum seekers before and if their cases are studied by the authorities and they are given asylum, why not?" Britain's record on asylum applications involving Iraqis fleeing Saddam Hussein's regime bears out its reputa-tion as a safe haven for the Middle East, Iraq tops the list for the most successful asylum claims in Britain, with 45 per cent of those granted refugee status last year. Only the former Yugo-slavia (20 per cent) and Iran (15 per cent) come close.

A second factor is that nearly all asylum applications from Iraq are accepted.

Since 1993 the refusal rate has

remained at only 5 or 6 per cent of applications. This compares with an average refusal rate of 95 per cent for

the rest of the world.
The Home Office said yes-



Nick Hardwick: 'Sending them back will mean death'

terday that asylum applications will be considered: "Ap-plications, including from those facing criminal charges, will have to be considered and worked through." a spokesman said. "It will not

a spokesman said. In will not be done in isolation." But legal experts were di-vided over whether the hi-jackers would succeed in any case they brought for refugee status after they had served a prison sentence in Britain.

## Refugees

Rest of world

Conservative MPs insisted they should be sent back im-mediately to the Sudan as any concession would mean highacking was seen as an easy way to get asylum in Britain. But Nick Hardwick, head of the Refugee Council, said they should be tried and sen-tenced for hijacking in Britain first and then their asylum applications should "We have to act in the

knowledge that sending them back will be a death sentence so it needs cool judgment taken when the legal pro-cesses have taken their

ourse," he said. Mr Hardwick said the first consideration would be whether they qualified under the 1951 UN Convention on Refugees which excluded ap-plications from those who had committed crimes

against beace or humanity.
"If somebody who had committed a hijacking was still entitled to protection under the 1951 convention, the Home Secretary would then have to take account of the individual circumstances of

the case,
"For example, whether they planned it for months or it was something they did on the spur of the moment because they were being recalled to fee averaged."

recalled to face execution." Claude Moraes of the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants was sceptical that Michael Howard, the Rome Secretary, would do anything other than "go through the motions" of considering acclum applications

His early experiences as a

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#### NHS trust chiefs face sack over video of hospital operations

I OSPITAL chiefs could be sacked over the making of a commercial video showing

Everyday Operations, following the interim injunction obtained by the depart

ment on Sunday.
The company behind the film, IMC Video, is refusing to a commercial video showing NHS surgery, Gerald Malone, the Health Minister, warned on the eve of today's High Court action.

The Department of Health is asking the courts to ban distribution of the video.

Kathy Evans IS was a telephone num-ber which could save your life. It was a kind of com-

modity passed by word of mouth among Iraql families fleeing the regime of Saddam If you are trying to come to

London fixer who paved the way for exiles well-worn advice. When they landed at Stansted airport yesterday with nearly 200 per-sengers on board, it was Sa-dig Sadah they asked for as

Mr Sadah was one of the first to escape from Pr Saddam's regime. Arriving as a student in the 1970s shortly after President Saddam came to power, he never returned to his home town of Basra.

A few years later, he graduated with a doctorate in mathematics and statistics from

His early experiences as a refugee in Britain led him and a group of Iraqi exiles to found the Iraqi Community Association. Operating from a tiny office in Hammersmith staffed by volunteers, the organisation says it helps hundreds of Iraqis arriving in Britain each year to cope with asylum applications and social services.

social services.
"Sadiq is a gentleman and no one who goes to him for help was ever turned away," said Laith, a London com-Brunel University, north-

## Charity keeps lord in 1-bed flat

David Hencke on a fall from grace

IS grandfather pre-sided over agriculture policy for the first Labour government; his father was a lecturer and broadcaster who once waded across the Thames at Westminster. Yesterday Martin Noel-Buxton, third Baron Noel-Buxton, the penulless occupant of a penniless occupant of a one-bedroomed charity flat in a terraced house in Wandsworth, south London, explained how the family had fallen from cabi-

net seat to dowdy sofa. The Tory peer, allocated the property because he was considered "vulnerable" by council housing officials — and bearer of the family motto "Do it with thy might" — spent 19 days in bed and breakfast accommodation before moving into the £53 a week

flat. "I am an elcoholic," he said. "I did not have very much money in the first place but I blew it. That is what you do when you are pissed. It was nothing very dramatic but I spent far too

Lord Noel-Buxton, who said be first had treatment for his condition in 1981, has been married three times, divorced twice and separated from his third wife for more than two

Pictures of his children, Charles, aged 21, a trainee insurance broker, Lucy, 19, on a gap year before university, and Antonia, six, rested on a gas fire. Most of the furniture, which in-cluded two softs, a desk, a bed and a television, was bed and a television, was bornowed or bagged — I own practically mothing in here. A picture of the first Labour Cabinot of 1924, in-



Lord Noel-Buxton at home : .

cluding his grandfather, hung on the wall. The stereo system was his, classical CDs, includ-ing Handel and Telemann,

rested in boxes with other much-loved possessions. He applied for a council home before Christmas after staying in a flat "the other side of Battersea Park" owned by his first wife's husband. "Nothing in this is simple," he smiled. "He was doing me a favour. His son, my step-son, wanted to stay there." After staying with friends, he eventually went to bed and breakfast, the type of emergency accom-modation councils use only

as a last resort. But he was

referred to the Peabody Trust, a charity with a tra-dition of helping floudon's "respectable" poor.

'I am incredibly lucky. I should be dead, under a bridge or insane'

dead, under a bridge or insane. Only about 3 per cent of alcoholics make it into sobrlety for any length of

time. It is a story of recovery and heroism." Lord Noel-Buxton, who said he took his last alcobolic drink on October 10 1994, used mainly to drink strong layers or vodka "he-cause it didn't smell, ha

"This is brilliant. I am in- ha". Wandsworth council | few peers knew of his troucredibly lucky. I should be | and the Peabody Trust, | bles. "I am not that close to which has an income limit of £12,500 for housing Asked about his third

single people, insisted last night that the peer had not wife, the peer replied: "Would you like to be marjumped the queue.

He said he had applied for help because he was entitled to, like anyone else. ried to an alcoholic?" He used the Lords, when sitting, for free meals, heating and lighting. Most days Despite his taking the Tory whip because his friends and acquainlances "were he went to Alcoholics Anonymous. "I can't work. It takes a lot of time to

ter." Asked what he thought about a peer being in such a position, he said: "Look at Jamie Blandford (son of the Duke of Marl-borough, who has been convicted of drugs offences] for Christ's sake. Do I have to say more? Can you see any rhyme or reason why I should be different by vir-tue of what my grandfather Lord Noel-Buxton's

career as a commercial solicitor in the City, and as a specialist in intellectual property, came to a virtual end in 1983 after he was convicted of drink-driving, although he remained a consultant to a Brighton firm until 1994. He spoke in the House of Lords in January, supporting a govern-ment bill overhauling arbi-

## **Each school** to get own exam target

John Carvel Education Editor

HE Government is preparing to tighten its grip on the educa-tion service and tackle chronic under achieve ment by setting individual targets for every school to ratchet up performance in tests at 7, 11, and 14 and to improve parties at 600m to improve results at GCSE and

Gillian Shephard, the Edu-cation and Employment Secretary, wants to calculate the standard to be expected in each one of England's 25,000 primary and secondary schools after assessing the educational, social and economic background of its

funer city comprehensives would not be expected to match the performance of suburban grammar schools, but their teachers and gover-nors would be instructed to work out for themselves how to achieve goals tailored to their circumstances.

The Office for Standards in Education would then be able to focus the scrutiny of school inspectors more closely on establishments failing to reach their improvement targets.

It was unclear last night

whether Mrs Shephard thought ber officials could work out the targets centrally, or whether the job would be delegated to local education authorities. Either way, the perfor-

mance targets would be geared — locally and regionally - to deliver the national education targets for 2000. ment of at least five GCSEs at grade C or above by at least 85 per cent of people by the age of 19, and two A levels or the vocational equivalent by 60 per cent of people by the age of 21. Schools and regions already meeting those stan-dards would be expected to over-achieve to allow leeway for others.

The proposal is part of a package for "school self-improvement" which Mrs Shephard plans to appounce in stages through the autumn. Ideas being worked up by her department's School Effec-tiveness Unit include targets

tendance and discipline which may be announced in her speech to the Conservative Party conference. "Next month I shall be mak-

ing an announcement about target-setting in schools," Mrs Shephard said yesterday. Targets would be drawn up

for all individual schools.

Officials said the targets would not be based on a given percentage uplift in a school's previous performance in tests or exams. It was understood the targets would be set according to type of school and the socio-ecomomic back-

ground of its intake.

The School Curriculum and Assessment Authority is about to start a pilot to estab-lish the value added by indi-vidual schools to children's education. The study will compare the input of educa-tional, social and economic attributes of pupils entering with the output in terms of

academic results achieved Graham Lane, Labour education chairman of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, said Mrs She-phard was right to want schools to set improvement targets, but wrong if she thought they could be im-posed by central government. "We started target-setting

in the London borough of Newham 10 years ago. We had 7 per cent of our young people achieving at least five GCSE passes at grades A to C and we said this should rise to 20 years cent by 1907. This research per cent by 1992. This year we reached 28 per cent and our

target for 1996 is 35 per cent.
"We did this by working in partnership with schools, setting achievable targets. I do not want Mrs Shephard going around setting stupid targets that people cannot reach. Tar-gets are right, but cantralism is wrong."

Mrs Shephard said she is considering a merger of the exam boards into two or three closely monitored consortiums which could not lower pass marks to attract business. Dennis Hatfield, chairman of the joint council for the GCSE, questioned the Government's power to compel margers. "If a big board was being shut out they might consider it neces-

## Clinton on ngnt track as ne steams anead in polis Legai ruling

renominate Bill Clinin the White House tonight, buoyed by a new poll showing the president enjoying the traditional post-convention "bosmo" before the gathering had really begun.

Mr Clinton now leads his

Republican rival Bob Dole by repulnies, beating him by a 51-36 margin, according to an ABC News survey released last night. The poll confirms earlier figures indicating last week's rash of White House initiatives to raise the minimum wage, reform the welfare system and restrict tobacco sales have paid news and nostalgis

Analysts agreed that a highly-polished first day at the convention, coupled with his barnstorming trainride to Chicago across the Midwest, is fast replacing memories of the Republicans' slick con-vention at San Diego a fortthe Republicans' slick con-ention at San Diego a fort-ight ago.

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tions is over, Mr Clinton will return to the 20-plus points leed he enjoyed over Mr Dole most of the summ

On the eve of his arrival in Chicago, Mr Clinton launched a new education plan to train more teachers and raise adult literacy levels.

He spent the day on his slow-moving "list century express" train. a deliberate attention-grabbing meander to the hi-tech information comvention centre in Chicago. Fearing a repeat of the boredom of the television networks with the made for TV Republican convention, the Clinton team devised the train trip — an idea pinched from the former president

George Bush four years ago
as a beguiling mixture of The education initiative followed Monday's announcement of a new sun control measure, tailored to match the moving appearance of James and Sarah Brady on the convention platform. Mr



President Clinton makes a train stop to meet the people of Ohlo

the assassination attempt on of a five-year programme to Mr Reagan, left his wheelend illiteracy was timed to chair to limp painfully to the match Hillary Clinton's starpodium and praise Mr ring role in "Family Night" at Clinton. Wr Clinton with a blend policy, power and present the convention. Mr Clinton policy, power and present the convention of the convention of the convention of the convention. Yesterday's announcement | will announce today new en-

Gore, the ecologically-minded vice president, speaks to the convention, with a blend of challengers could hardly

The train ride has guaran-teed blanket coverage in the local media of the important swing state of Ohio, and at-tracted thousands to smalltown rallies. It also provided some felicitous moments of soft focus and human interest stories for the cameras.

Not all of these were planned At Wharton, Ohio, an elderly woman fainted in the crowd. Mr Clinton cleared a space for her to be helped on to his train, discovered that it was Retta Lafaun Plott's 98th birthday, and led the crowd in singing "Happy Birthday".

It's been a long time since made a girl faint," he told her, as the crowd roared and his daughter Chelsea laughed

The tour has become an alternative focus for media at-tention and added a touch of uspense as Mr Clinton creeps towards his nomination through the forgotten heart-land in a railroad car used in President Harry Truman's reelection campaign of 1948.

# saves Lloyd's

Pauline Springett

HE survival of one of the pillars of the City looked assured last night after the troubled Lloyd's of London insurance market won the right to go ahead with a £3.2 billion rescue package to stave off its

The fourth circuit US Court of Appeals overturned an in-junction last Friday by a fed-eral judge in Virginia which had effectively blocked the

Yesterday's legal victory was crucial for the 308-yearold Lloyd's market because the deadline for its 34,000 investors, known as Names, to accept the package is noon

If the injunction had been upheld. Lloyd's would have been forced to delay the settlement deal for a vital two months. It had warned that such a delay might plunge it

bespite this, the judge in Virgina ruled that Lloyd's had violated US securities laws by failing to provide enough information about the security of the provide enough information about the security of Names. rescue settlement to Names He had ordered Lloyd's to protion and to give the US Name

enough time to digest it. David Rowland, Lloyd's chairman, said: 'The decision removes the remaining major legal obstacle to implementation of the reconsruction plan. It is clear that the vast majority of Names have not allowed themselves to be deterred from accepting the have to pay Lloyd's another offer by the uncertainty gen-erated by these court proceedings." Mr Rowland appealed Notebook, page 11

accepted the offer to fax loyd's at once.

He said 82 per cent of its Names had accepted the deal, including 55 per cent of the 2,700 US Names. That percentage is likely to rise sharply after yesterday's legal victory. Lloyd's appears set to announce that the offer is unconditional after its ruling council meets tomorrow.

Lloyd's devised the settlement offer after it was hit by losses of nearly £8 billion during 1988 to 1992. The losses brought the market to its knees, financially crippling many investors and driving some to suicide.

At one stage the crisis looked set to envelop the gov-ernment after it emerged that about 50 Tory MPs had large Lloyd's losses. The losses were caused by

disasters in 1980, such as the Exxon Valdez oil spill, Hurricane Hugo and the Piper Alpha oil rig explosion. Losses also continue to pour into the market from US aspestosis and pollution claims. The rescue deal is designed their losses. The rescue also involves the setting up of Equitas, a reinsurance com-pany which will take over the

market's old loss-making The Names will pay a premium to reinsure their old liabilities into Equitas and agree never to sue Lloyd's again. In return they will be able to guit the market, safe

### Belgian police prepare to dig all night for 'five more bodies' in paedophile scandal

BELGIAN police were last of up to five victims of a pee-dophile gang in the rubblab-strewn backyard of a house belonging to their chief spe-pect. Marc Dutroux, in a vil-

debris from behind a house in the village of Jumet before chan cal excavato: s, radar detection equipment and sniffer dogs could be used. Police also brought in Harry Jongen, a Dutch air force lieutenant who is able to find bodies with his extraordinary sense of smell. Mr Jongen, who has most recently put his skill to work in Bos-

human remains in the neigh-The investigators fear that the bodies of An Marchal, ared 19, and her friend Eefe Lambrecks, aged 17, who Du-trous has admitted abducting near Ostend a year ago, may

be buried at the site. As digging got under way last night, police said they would continue the operation

are looking for anything that might be useful for our inquiry. Put yours alves in the position of the parents and imagine how they must be

An angry statement-by Mi-chel Bourlet, the magistrate eading the inquiry, denying that bodies were expected to be found, failed to dampen the

most intensive yet. The house was formerly occupied by Bernard Weinstein, an associate who Dutroux has admitted murdering and whose body was found buried in the back garden at another house nearby. Speculation mounted yes

terday with reports in the press and on television of south of the country.

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Police have searched up to troux, the 39-year-old unambave so far best cleared car parts and other

the police spokesman, tried to 12 houses thought to belong to ployed builder, had admitted various charges.

property. He had previously claimed that he thought An and Eefje were alive, although no longer in the country. This prompted rumours that they might have been sold into prostitution in the

Czech Republic or Slovakia. Dutroux and nine allege associates, including his wife and a police traffic inspector, have so far been arrestedon

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## Exam board merger ordered by Shephard to protect standards

Government yes on the examination boards that they should merge into two or three conglomerates to stem allegations of a competitive devaluation of A level and GCSE standards.

Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, said she wanted to remove any suspicion that the six boards may be gradually lowering the pass standard for each grade in order to attract business from each

The A level pass rate this

Matthew Wilson:

GCSE pass rate at grades A\* | two or three", thus making it | Qualifications (GNVQ) which | cent of those entering their C increased by 1 per cent to 53.7 per cent. Critics allege that schools are shopping around to raise their position league tables by picking "I do not think the case for

total change has been proved. but there is disquiet at the effect of having a wide range of exam boards. We are discussing that," said Mrs Shephard. She added that she did not want to "nationalise" the ex-amination system — "which is what one monolithic examination board under government control would amount to" — but there were alterna-

quo and a monolith "A midway point might be

Education Correspondent

school have voted to

strike to force the ex-

pulsion of a boy aged 10 in

the latest in a series of con-

Matthew Wilson threat-

ened other pupils with a baseball bat and was ex-

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the National Association of

Schoolmasters Union of

ng classroom discipline.

tives to the fragmented status

easier to control standards. The Government had power to influence the outcome cause it could withhold validation from any board not meeting ministers' require-

ments, she said. long way to go to meet the national targets, and we still "The purpose of an exam is to show what candidates can achieve, but I don't think we

in defining excellence of last year that too many stuachievement. I am determined that exam boards should deliver that, and we will see to it that they do."

Mrs Shephard's interven results. The number of stu-

ing the start of term for

more than 200 children

aged seven to 11, at Manton

unior school in Worksop

Nottinghamshire, and

comes as an embarrass

ment to Gillian Shephard,

the Education and Employ-

ment Secretary, who has been promoting stronger

discipline in schools but

The governors twice

overruled the head teacher

when he permanently excluded the boy last term.

vene in this case.

tion came as she presented an analysis of this year's results, including an improvement in the work with the work including an improvement in year further increased by 1.8 to reduce the number of the pass rate for advanced said. said. sent in results of the per cent to 85.8 per cent. The bodies by merging them into General National Vocational At advanced level, 57.7 per teacher assessments.

eral secretary.

challenge.

Eileen Bennett, chair-

woman of the governors. admitted the boy was a challenge. "He is quite a

nice bright boy if you speak to him but it has been

blown up out of proportion.

I think that this boy is

tween the staff and the gov-ernors and nobody has

Teachers at a school in

Halifax, West Yorkshire,

have also voted to strike if

taken account of the boy.

being used as a scape

is announced by the awarding Results overall were the best ever, and teachers and

their pupils should be con-gratulated. "It is, however,

the case that we still have a

need to be terrifically vigilant in maintaining the value of the exam currency," she said.

dents were dropping out of

levels; another 21.4 per cent achieved six or more units, equivalent to one A level This amounted to a "pass rate" of 79 per cent, compared

with 65 per cent last year. However, education depart-ment officials are concerned that the figures gave no indi-cation of how long candidates took to qualify or how many dropped out in the first year.

some primary school governors to disrupt her plans to publish national performance tables showing the res tests at age 11. About 70 per cent of schools have already sent in results of this year's

Teachers threaten strike to keep boy out

strike action.



## London's dossers affect tourism, warns charity

James Maikle Community Affairs Editor

HE sight of people sleep-ing rough on the streets is damaging Britain's tourist trade, a charity for the homeless said yesterday.

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More than a million visitors to London — bringing £1
billion a year in foreign earnings — may have their holidays spoiled by the experience, according to \$t
Mungo's, which shelters nearly 1,000 people a night in

nearly 1,000 people a night in the capital.

Its frank economic message is rare coming from the voluntary sector, but echoes John Major's remarks two years ago over the damage beggars did to the holiday trade. The remarks brought outrage from charities and the Opposition, but more the Opposition, but more recently Trevor Nunn, the

homeless person". Some dis- | by the Government that Initricts were so repellent "no person of sound mind" would

person of sound mind" would pay money in search of entertainment there.

St Mungo's commissioned an NOP poil that said one in six tourists thought the sight of people sleeping rough spoiled their holiday, four in 10 thought the experience would put others off visiting London, and about four in 10 thought and about four in 10 thought the situation in London worse

than in their capital. Charles Fraser, the chari-ty's director, said: "This proves that we should devote more resources to tackling homelessness — not just be-cause it is right, but because it is in our economic interest.
"Foreign tourists spend

more than £5 billion a year in London. Anything which puts them off coming costs us dearly. This survey shows that homelessness hits our

in central London. The num-ber has hardly changed over the last two years, as voluntary groups and government agencies have tried to tackle a hard core of people, many addicted to drink and drugs or suffering from mental health problems, who are rejuctant to use emergency shelters.
The London Tourist Board

people sleeping rough from more than 1,000 to around 350

said yesterday that it had not recorded "any significant level" of complaints during its annual surveys of tourist opinion, but it was concerned that many homeless people were put in bed and breakfast accommodation when the capital had a severe shortage of cheap hotels suitable for

tourists. The Department of the Enrecently Trevor Nunn, the next artistic director of the Royal National Theatre, said that in parts of London "every doorway now houses a shivering blanket-huddled" million pound, six-year effort in Department of the Environment said that figures for those sleeping rough in London had gone down since enterprise to match the multi-decrease in any capital city of which we are aware".

## Use of CS gas against woman is defended

Police justify using spray after fears for baby and two children

Duncan Campbell Crime Correspondent

OLICE yesterday de-fended the use of CS sprays in incidents involving a mother who vio-lently resisted giving up her baby in a care order case, and two disruptive children in a local authority home.

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The incidents came to light after Home Secretary Michael Howard's decision to approve use of the spray nationally.

The incidents were raised yesterday by Middleshrough councillor Bob Pitt and by Liberty. Both have called for a joint police-social services inquiry into use of the spray.

The incident involving the mother and baby took place

The mother, a police spokesman said yesterday, punched a policewoman and lay on top of her child when the spray was used. Police had feared for the safety of the baby, who suffered no harm. The mother was taken to be spital as a programmer. to hospital as a precaution but suffered no serious harm.

but suffered no serious narm.
In the second incident, last
week, a girl aged 13 and a boy
of 14 had been causing damage and disruption in a local
authority home when police
were called by social workers
because of fears that they
right seriously harm them. might seriously harm them-selves. The girl had already been to hospital that day for a self-inflicted injury.

When officers arrived the

children had barricaded themselves in a room and smashed windows. They were seen to be bleeding when they were restrained after officers had climbed a fire escape. Social services accepted that

the spokesman said.

On each occasion the sprays had been used in accordance with the guidelines of the Association of Chief Police Officers, which stipulate that they should be employed when there is risk of serious violence or harm, the spokesman said.

spokesman said.
Mr Pitt, who raised the issue yesterday with a call for an inquiry, said that ques-tions had to be asked as to the use of the spray. It was meant to be used primarily for self-defence, not merely to control

control.

Liberty's campaign co-ordinator. Liz Parratt. said: "We have called for the spray to be withdrawn since the day it

was first used and will con-tinue to do so."

Mr Howard gave permis-sion for the sprays to be used throughout England and Wales from last week. Two forces. Surrey and Hertfordshire, are not satisfied with the Home Office approved spray and are not putting it into service.



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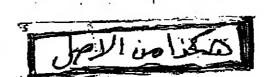
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Mr X in move to gain legal recognition as a father

## Transsexual's plea to European court

RRITISH transsexnal, born a woman, aunched a case gainst the Government at the European Court bourg yesterday to secure legal recognition as the father of a child born to his wife.

The man, known only as X to the court, wants the right to register the child born to his partner nearly four years ago. The couple have been in a stable relationship since 1979, though unable formally to marry since the law does not recognise a sex change op-eration as altering biological

through artificial insemina-tion by donor with the agree-ment of a hospital's ethics committee but X was not allowed to register as the father. Although the child

blank in the space for the father's name.

The man was in court yes-The man was in court yes-terday to hear legal submis-sions to the international panel of judges from lawyers representing hum, the British government and the Euro-pean Commission of Human

Rights.
The commission, which advises the court, believes the man's treatment violates the European Convention of Human Rights. Article 8 guarantees a right to privacy and family life without interference from public authorities.

The article states that the only permissible interference by government is in the inter-ests of national security, public materials and appropriate the company public materials are appropriate to the company public materials. ests of nanonal security, public safety, the economic well-being of the country, for the prevention of disorder or crime, the protection of health and morals and the protection of others' rights and freedoms.

and freedoms.

The application is not the first to come before the court concerning transsexuality, but it is the first to cite article 2 moving the argument about

change of sex on to new though more limited grounds than before.

in a case in 1990, involving the model Caroline Cossey, who was born a man, the court ruled that her legal rights had not been infringed because the authorities refused to alter her birth cer-tificate to register her later change of sex and enable her to marry, because in all other respects her rights were

respected.

But in a ruling last year involving a French woman who had been born a man, the court ruled that her rights had been violated because the authorities had insisted on the maintenance of her former masculine status on all personal documents, includ-ing cheque books and identity

If the judges find that X's rights have been infringed the Government may be forced to pay compensation laid down by the court and be honour bound to change the

law next year.



### Figg residents and prospective owners of their island show visitors what they condemn as the leg 'Barmy' islanders in £2m scramble to buy their Eigg

Erlend Clouston on a stration project for the whole of Europe on the pioneering plan to rid management of a fragile pioneering plan to rid a Hebridean isle of

WO-and-a-half centu-ries after the Stuarts landed in the Hebrides, the islanders of Eigg yesterday launched a similar

its absentee owners

Under the slogan Let's Crack It, the 63 residents announced details of a plan to raise £2 million to buy

their 7,400 acre heather covered home and its 17 properties for themselves.

Or almost for themselves.

For unlike the Jacohites they have the support of a state body, the Highland Council, which has joined them and the Scottish Wild Life Trust in a partnership. Life Trust in a partnership which will be watched by other rural communities burdened with absentee

landlords. Over the last 150 years, Figg — 10 miles off the mainland — has changed bands nine times, and this month it was put back on the market for £2 million by Marlin Eckhart, a Stutt-

oy martin acknart, a stutt-gart artist who has owned it for just 15 months. The islanders hope a pub-lic appeal will raise 2800,000 to complement the 21 million-plus they are confident of receiving from the National Lottery Heri-tage Memorial Fund. Consultents to the council will soon present lottery administrators with a business istrators with a business plan that includes developments in forestry, infrastructure and green tourism.

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site that people want to see but don't want to destroy, Nick Reiter, the council's head of policy and research, said after hosting tour of sites illustrating the grim consequences of successive landlords' failure to grant leases.

In the small corrugated iron shed that is Rigg's post office and shop, proprietor Mark Cherry complained about the rats and damp. At Kildonan farmhouse, Colin Carr said it was impossible

plant and 170 bird species, g is relying beavily donations from nature lovers. But the appeal will also be aimed at expatriate Hebrideans in North America, which has an Eigg Mountain in Quebec and an Eigg village in Ontario. Subscribers' names will be

engraved in a Book of Eigg. spective buyers have inspected the island and may, or may not, be deterred by the fact that the Rolls-Royce of the previous owner, Keith Schellenberg, was destroyed in a mysterious fire prompting him to denounce his neighbours as "rotten, dangerous and totally barmy revolutionaries".



Former owner Keith Schellenberg, whose Roller was wrecked

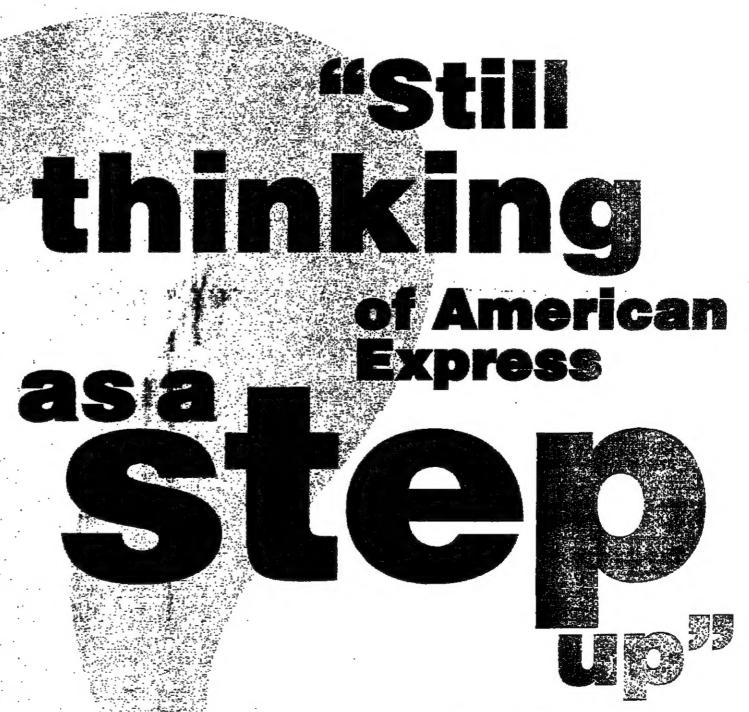
#### Threat of more strikes as rail services are ravaged

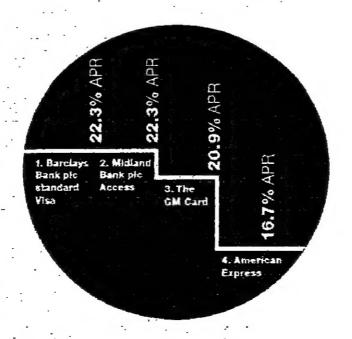
Milne.

Passengers faced emergency timetables and replacement buses in the North West. North East, Scotland and Wales. The companies admitted that most services had had to be cancelled in the dispute with guards, conductors and catering staff organised by the Rail, Maritime and Transport union. The union's executive is expected to call more strikes later this week. more strikes later this week. Yesterday's stoppage, brought to market.

rail companies are to begin voting tomorrow on a growing campaign of strikes over productivity pay and breaks after yesterday's walkouts ravaged seven rail operators services, writes Seumas Milne.

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### DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION: President prepares to blow his own trumpet in 'windy city' . . . as does running mate

## Clinton's record to do the talking

Martin Walker in Chicago

tomorrow night ac-cept the Democrat nomination with the claim that he as kept his promises.

Four years ago he pledged get the economy moving to get the economy moving with 8 million new jobs, to the budget deficit. to 'end welfare as we know it". to provide a middle class tax cut, to reform healthcare, to control guns and to be tough

He vowed "to focus like laser beam" on domestic problems, and above all to provide the education and training programmes that would equip worried Ameri-cans for the challenge of global competition. This has

been his worst failure.
Internationally, he promised to stop "coddling tyrants in Beijing", to try to end the Balkan war with an airlift of weapons to Bosnia and air-strikes against the Serbs, and not to pass the North American Free Trade Agreement unless there were social safeguards for American jobs and

His record is better than most. There has been no middle class tax cut, a failing on which the Republicans are focusing. But there have been tax credits for the working poor to bring them close to the average industrial wage.

He has over-performed on office, the 1993 federal budget deficit had been revised up from \$270 billion (£180 billion) to \$290 billion and was fore-cast to grow to \$360 billion by 1996. But the deficit is down to \$127 billion, helped by economic growth and higher than expected revenues. Moreover, the consequent fall in interest rates gave a \$150 billion stimulus to the economy — far more than the promised tax cut.

ure has been his health reform bill, which suffered ignowhen Congress was still Dem ocrat-controlled. But last week, with Republican support, he enacted a more mod-est health bill which meets Workers will be able to keep health insurance if change or lose jobs, and are guaranteed cover even for pre-existing ailments. While 35 million Americans without health insurance, it satisfies the majority of those who voted Democrat out of con-cern for healthcare.

He has more than fulfilled his employment pledge, with 10.2 million new jobs. With the taming of inflation to the best economic perfor- | agenda. In the process, h mance of any G7 country, although too many jobs are part-time or poorly-paid. Mr Clinton has indeed been

tough on crime, expanding and accelerating the use of the death penalty, allowing juveniles to be tried and imprisoned as adults for violent crimes, and funding an extra 100,000 police and the biggest prison-building programme in American history. He has enacted the "three strikes and you're out" law, which mandates life imprisonment after a third crime, and passed a gun control law requiring a five-day wait before buying a handgun, and outlawing the

He has also ended welfare not only "as we know it" but as President Franklin Roose velt knew it when he first pro-claimed the New Deal at anin Chicago in 1932. To the dismay of most traditional Democrats, Mr Clinton last week ended the 61-year-old tradi-

The president can claim to have cast the US as linchpin and guarantor of a free-trading global economy

tion that the federal govern-ment would in the last resort provide for impoverished mothers and children.

The new welfare law allows a lifetime maximum of five years on welfare for anyone and a two-year maximum at any one time. It transfers responsibility for welfare from the federal government to the states, and many Democrats now fear a race towards the meanest level of provision. Even the man who will today the party chairman. Senator Chris Dodd, has condemned the measure, which has strained party loyalty.

Welfare was the one area where Mr Clinton was not able (even if he had wished) to stall and defeat the expected Republican surge after the Democrats lost control of both houses of Congress in ences of its last superpower. the 1994 mid-term elections, Mr Clinton's achievement humiliation.

But in retrospect the over ambitious "Republican revo lution" looks more like his greatest asset. By portraying them as extremists intent on destroying Medicare for the elderly, and by standing firm against their threat to close down the government, Mr Clinton was belatedly able to the taming of inflation to define himself, less by what election; of around 3 per cent and a similar GDP growth rate, this is sition to the Republican Democrat

won back his party's

The Clinton administration most for an internationalist strategy barely discussed on Trade Agreement and the Gatt treaty, despite the opposition in his party, he has be-come the free trade president.

cific rim, and the Madrid agreement with the European Union, he can claim to have and guarantor of a free-trad-ing global economy. Despite lies' trade with Cuba. Iran strategy is replacing the militarist character of US leadergagement during the cold

He can claim to have restored a humpily demo-cratic rule to Halti, belped maintain it in Russia, and to have imposed a fragile peace risky commitment of 20,000 US troops. His peace missions Northern Ireland and the

Just like President George Bush, he has finally, after bluster and Taiwanese excursions, settled for coddling th dictators of Betjing. But Mr Clinton has succeeded beyond any predecessor in bringing down Japan's trade surplus, and persuading Tokyo into a deeper security partnership. With some spirited personal diplomacy, he secured the final withdrawal of Russian troops from the Baltic states, and the scrapping of the nuclear arsenals of Ukraine and Kazakhstan. The question of Nato expansion, however, is stili unsettled.

In many ways, Mr Clinton's

achievements look surpris-ingly similar to what Mr Bush might have accomplished in a second term: fiscal prudence, modest growth and social reforms and a world shaped to the preferhave been more those of a traditional Republican than a Democrat. The challenge of his probable second term will be to provide education, skills and training for ordinary comes have been stagnant for over 20 years and whose jobs are increasingly insecure.

Mr Clinton the moderate

Republican may deserve re-

election; only then will we

know if he can govern as a



Bobbie Bostic, aged 34, is frisked before entering the designated protest area outside the convention hall yesterday. She was demonstrating against the Illinois children and family services department, which took her daughter into care after alleged abuse

PHOTOGRAPH DAMAN DOVARDANES

Jack Kemp: Trying hard not to upstage Bob Dole

## Campaigners' thoughts turn to Kemp v Gore in 2000

Jonathan Freedland in Chicago

THEN the vice-presi dent. Al Gore addresses the Demo cratic convention tonight he will be launching his own campaign - for the top job in 2000. Despite Mr Gore's protes-

tations to the contrary, most Democrats agree that such a campaign exists and is stepping into high gear in

ning mates could well be a dress rehearsal for the next presidential election.

Mr Gore has been touch-ing the key party bases this week, addressing black, Jewish and trade union groups in a single day. He is also the only Demo-crat with two primetime slots at the convention. Tomorrow he will formally

introduce the president, and tonight he will play the

that their man is the most influential vice-president

in US history, with respon-sibility for reducing the government payroll, envi-ronmental policy, relations with Russia and space research. He has loyalists in key positions, including Peter Knight, the official chairman of the Clinton-

Messrs Dole and Kemp. Mr Gore's aides boast

are making a similar observation about Bob Dole's role of "attack dog", tial rivals, including the running mate, Jack Kemp.

The current war of the runMessrs Dole and Kemp.

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Analysis are describing Richard Gephardt. Mr Gephardt will meet all 50 state party delegations next week in his bid for 2000 but he was granted only a brief speaking slot not shown by the main televi-

> Supporters say Mr Gore's position for 2000 is almost unassailable, even if Mr Clinton loses in November. He is unlikely to be blamed for defeat, and has care

pristine and his emphasis on new technology should

Only his lack of charisms remains a stubborn problem. is an electrifying cam-paigner — making Octo-ber's televised vice-presi-

concern in Mr Gore's team.

while, the governme

said it had approved a new neighbourhood at the Kiryat Sefer Jewish settlement in the

West Bank. The Maariv news-paper said 900 of the 1,806 new homes would be built in the

first stage. — Reuter.

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city's gates.
Meanwhil

dential debate a genuine contest and a real cause for

party's front-runner for But one banner-waver at a rally was looking much further ahead, backing Mr Clinton's teenage daughter with the proclamation "Chelsea in 2016".

in 1996 is not to upstage the lacklustre Bob Dole. Analysts are describing

the Republican running

mate the same way they described Al Gore in 1992,

saying he is in a win-win situation. He either ends up

as vice-president or as his



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Al Gore: 'Most influential

## Japanese offer 'Midas touch' to Latin America

giving the economy a boost, writes Phil Gunson

in Mexico City

HOPPING for a televi-sion in a Chilean depart-ment store, an economic consultant, Armen Kouyoumdjian, found that his choice came down to Japa-nese or Korean models. But the Sony televisions on offer were made in Mexico. In

fact, the Japanese firm produces 5 million sets a year—one third of its worldwide output—at its Tijuana assembly plant and has plans to boost the figure to 8 million.

With a bilateral free trade deal now in operation be-tween Mexico and Chile, it makes sense to supply Chile

with goods made in Mexico. It is one example of how Latin America's economic reforms - and low wages other east Asian early 1960s it has invested the Asians can be sure of a tries to see the continent nearly \$60 billion (£38 billion) warm welcome for some time.

Asian investment is | as more than a source of raw | in Latin America. In Mexico, materials. The Japanese prime minis-

ter, Ryutaro Hashimoto, is on a 10-day tour of five Latin American countries, the first such visit in seven years. Mexico and Chile were the first stops, followed by Brazil, Peru and Costa Rica. The aim is to boost trade and invest-ment and to further Japan's

increasingly outward-looking foreign policy.

Mr Hashimoto will be looking for support for the Japanese application for a permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council. President Kim Young Sam of South Korea, who like Mr Ha-shimoto will be accompanied by business leaders, is due to visit the region early next

The so-called "lost decade" of the 1980s, when the continent was in debt and eco-nomic recession, caused a drop in Japanese trade and investment, but both are now on the increase again.

After the United States Japan is the region's biggest trading partner and since the Japan is the fourth largest foreign investor.

Tijuana is home to 122 Jap-anese assembly plants, em-ploying almost 30,000 Mexi-cans. So dependent has the city become on the Japanese presence that the kidnap of Mamoru Konno, chairman of Sanyo video components, sent a shudder through the

'If we don't give them secuthe chairman of the local chamber of commerce told Proceso magazine,
"they'll leave. And if that happens we'll have a recession
worse than the 1930s."

After payment of a large ransom, Mr Konno was released shortly before the Japanese prime minister ar-rived, but Mr Hashimoto began his speech at the ban-quet in Mexico City with a call for better security. There is a widespread popular belief in Latin America that the Japanese have the "midas touch". With Latin American countries anxious to end their overdependence on US trade and investment, the Asians can be sure of a

#### News in brief

#### Israeli demolition angers Palestinians

SRAEL fuelled Palestinian anxieties yesterday by lift-ing a buildozer over the walls of Jerusalem's Old City to demolish an Arab community centre, and approving the ex pansion of a West Bank

The Palestinian president Yasser Arafat, summoned foreign envoys and urged them to put pressure on Israel to

Racists' top

killer guilty

AN apartheid-era police colonel who once called himself South Africa's most efficient assassin was con-

ricted on 89 of 121 charges by Pretoria supreme court

judge yesterday. Eugene de Kock, aged 48. could receive life sentences

for six murder convictions. Other convictions include

two for conspiracy to murder, one for attempted murder, one for abduction, one for

manslaughter, nine for illegal

possession of weapons and 66 for fraud. He will be sen-

He is the most senior police-

man convicted of crimes

against state opponents. — AP

enced on September 16.

stop demolitions, Palestinian | could not pass through the legislators rushed to the Old | city's gates. City to lead the protests.

A Jerusalem municipal spokeswoman said the unfin-ished building, intended by Palestinians as a community centre, had been erected without a permit. Police sealed off a section of the walls and

brought in a crane to hoist a bulldozer over the top. It Leader comment, page 8

Poisoning hits

TOUR people, including two children, were taken to hospital in Crete yesterday after food poisoning hit 800 passengers on a cruise around the Greek islands.

The illness broke out on the 28,137-tonne Costa Riviera; owned by Costa Grociere in Genoa, and op-

Greek cruise

Grociere in Genoa, and operated by a Greek company. The junior health minister, Fraglinos Papadelis, told reporters: "Of the the 800 people affected, around 300 had stronger symptoms but the situation is less He said the ship had not taken on food or water in any Greek port. — Reuter.

#### **US** financier jailed in Cuba

The fugitive American finan-cier Robert Vesco, who has been on the run from United States justice for nearly 25 years, was jailed for 13 years by a Havana court on Monday for economic crimes in Cuba. Vesco, aged 60, has lived in Cuba for the last 14 years. He was found guilty of fraud and illegal economic activity while developing a so-calle wonder drug against cancer and Aids. — Reuter.

Riffcind in Pakistan The Foreign Secretary, Mal-colm Rifkind, began talks in Pakistan yesterday expected to cover efforts to clinch a global nuclear test ban treaty, and the Kashmir dispute. — Reuter.

#### Nuns stay silent on who will replace ailing Mother Teresa

AS AN ailing Mother Teresa remains confined to a Calcutta hospital bed. there is one question on everyona's mind, if not on their lips: who will succeed her. Her Missionaries of Charity order considers such ques-tions too distressing to be shared with outsiders. So great is her influence that great is her induced that even senior Roman Catholic Church leaders are wary of discussing the future of her congregation.

But the succession question surfaced last week when she fell ill with malarial fever and

heart failure. Yesterday doc-tors said her health had improved slightly, and she was breathing unassisted. Her order holds its general

meeting in a few months.

Mother Teresa, aged 86, had won special permission from the Vatican to serve beyond two terms as General Superior. Among the sisters, retirement is not a suitable topic for discussion. "That's our own private busness." said Sister Priscilla Lewis, one of for discussion. the more senior nuns. The Missionaries are among

the best known Catholic con-gregations, but most other

sional approach to charity. Un-like the Missionaries, they accept only university graduates and work to overcome poverty rather than soften its rava In recent years, the Missionaries' reluctance to redefine the notion of good work has drawn criticism. Doctors and volunteers from the West are often shocked by the spar-tan conditions of the order's that the poor accept their state of misery with grace.

Also questioned have been the lack of medicine and the re-use of syringes at Nirmal Hriday, the home for the dying, and the failure to seg-regate tuberculosis and men-tal patients at other shelters. Slowly the order has because

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sai patients at other sheutrs. Slowly, the order has begun to consider these concerns.
"During the lifetime of Mother Teresa, this development approach did not come but I think her successor will move into that stage," said Father Valerian Nazareth. the parish priest of St Thomas's in central Calcutta and the director of the church's development programme.

However, change will not be automatic. "We don't do development work" end Sie. development work," said Sis-ter Priscilla, "Ours is for

those who fall by the wayside
the poorest of the poor."

The OSCE's decision is likely to avert polling day clashes but fuel confusion over the exit of Nato forces, writes Julian Borger in Sarajevo

# Bosnian local elections delayed

postponed yester-day when a United States diplomat supervising the poll ruled that "widespread abuse" had compromised the voter regis-

Political and military analysts said the decision would reduce the threat of polling day clashes but almost cer-tainly prolong large-scale in-volvement of Nato forces in

OSNIA'S munici- | Europe (OSCE), which is refereeing the September 14 elections, called off the vote for local councils despite fierce opposition from the Serbs, who argued that the election guidelines in the Dayton peace agreement had been "seriously distorted".

The Republika Srpska press agency, SRNA, yesterday described the decision as undemocratic and quoted the Bosnian Serb deputy prime minister, Miroslav Vjestica.

would not be legitimate under the Dayton accord. He confirmed that parallel ballots for national and regional government would go ahead on schedule, and added that Dayton allowed for local elections only "if feasible".

OSCE officials argued that by delaying the local poll, the effects of a Serb separatist campaign to coerce Serb voters to register in the Serb eth-nic "homeland", Republika Srpska, would be minimised. Evidence gathered by election

though on a smaller scale. Senior United States and European diplomats in the who meet next week, are expected to endorse Mr Frowick's recomendation that the vote should be held next April or May under in-ternational supervision. They will also consider the implica-

ty's involvement in Bosnia. Common sense tells me

tions of the postponement for

the international communi-

ine everybody would just drop it," Mr Frowick said. The decision could damage

President Clinton's re-elec tion campaign, in the week of the Democratic convention in Chicago, by casting further doubt on his promise to extri-cate all US troops by the end of the year.

The mandate of the 53,000strong Nato-led peacekeeping force in Bosnia (I-For) will exthe region.

Robert Frowick, the ambassador for the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Secur pire in December. A smaller

hoped if Nato was expected to citizens in Republika Srpska nicipal vote but the national

nicipal elections next spring. The OSCE sought yesterday to minimise the effects of yesterday's decision on Nato de-ployment. Its senior elections expert, Sir Kenneth Scott, said it might be possible to stagger the municipal elections next year to reduce

their impact. The September 14 elections will be bewilderingly complex even without the municipal Crost federation will yote for a house of representatives will elect a president and national assembly.

Voters in both entities will elect a three-member presidency of the whole country two from the federation, one from Republika Srpska — and an all-Bosnia House of Representatives.

Without a municipal ballot there will be less incentive for voters to cross Bosnia's ethvoters to cross Bosnia's eth-nic boundaries, and so less chance of clashes between rival groups on polling day. Critics of the OSCE say the manipulated registration results taint not only the mu-

and regional ballots as well. They believe the vote will partition

ain is providing an additional six Lynx battlefield helicop-ters to help transport and pro-tect OSCE officials monitoring the Bosnian elections, the Defence Secretary, Michael Portillo, announced yesterday. The helicopters — nor-mally based at Wattisham, Suffolk, with 4 Regiment, the Army Air Corps - will be de-ployed with 1-For for six

## **Loyal Chechen** fumes at Lebed

David Hearst in Moscow

S RUSSIAN troops began retreating from the ruins of Grozny, the head of the loyalist Chechen government accused Moscow of treason and said the deal with the rebels could plunge

his republic into civil war. Doku Zavgayev, the man in-stalled by Moscow as leader of the Chechen republic, called General Alexander Lebed, President Boris Yeltsin's security chief who brokered the ceasefire deal, a traitor who had handed power to

"If all this is not stopped now, the situation will move towards civil war, which would inevitably break out of the boundaries of the Chechen republic and spread over the Caucasus," Mr Zav-gayev said in Moscow.

Mr Zavgayev and his brother are leaders of a powerful Chechen taipe, or clan, in the Nadterrechni region, which traditionally has been loyal to Moscow. His govern-ment has thousands of armed men willing to fight the separatists, as they started to do in November 1994 before Rus-sia interceded on their behalf.

The loyalists lost more than 100 flighters, mostly police-men, in the rebel assault on Grozny and fear revenge attacks from the separatists, who have now joined the Russians in manning four district military posts from which the city is run. The new system of military rule in Grozny has made Mr Zavgayev's govern-ment obsolete, and yesterday he called the transfer of

power a coup d'etat.

Gen Lebed's press secretary, Alexander Barkhatov, said Mr Zavgayev's statements were "all lies". He

added that Gen Lebed had the full support of the prime min-ister, Viktor Chernomyrdin,

and Mr Yeltsin. However, Mr Yeltsin is still refusing to meet Gen Lebed and has instead demanded a written report. The official news agency, Itar-Tass, said Mr Yeltsin was still on holi-day and had not planned any

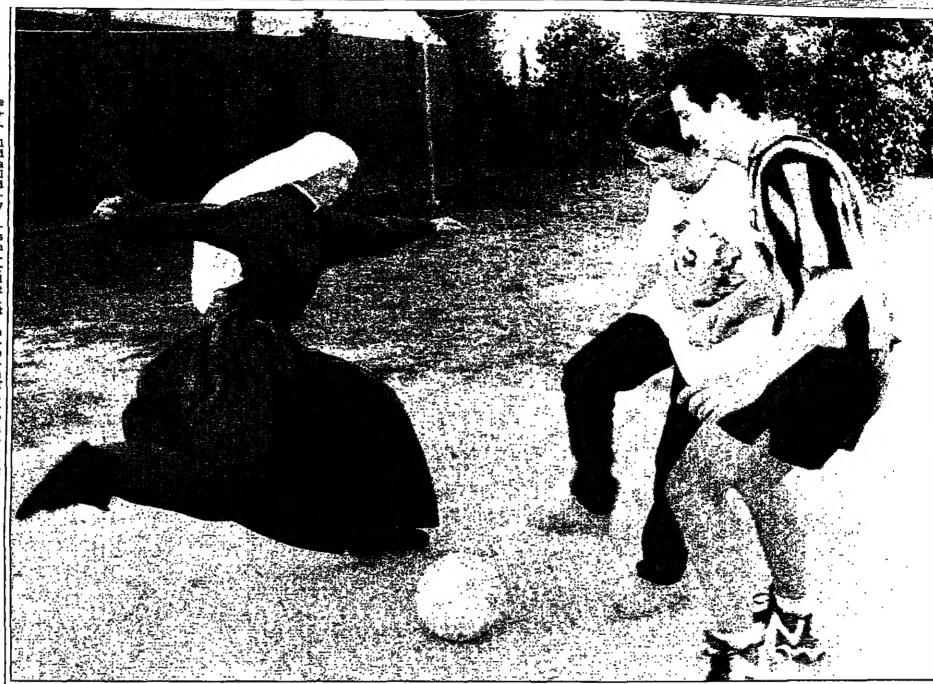
official meetings.

Last week, Mr Yeltsin criticised Gen Lebed only hours before he reached a deal with the rebel military commander, Aslan Maskhadov, Mr Yeltsin accused his special envoy of promising much but delivering little in Chechenia. He backed the deal the next

The truce was given fresh impetus yesterday by a suc-cessful meeting between the Russian commander, Vyacheslav Tikhomirov, and Gen Maskhadov in the village of Novye Atagi, south of Grozny. Gen Tikhomirov said Russian troops would resume their withdrawal today. Gen Maskhadov, a leading moder-

ate among the rebels, ap-peared satisfied. He said: "We gave each other our word that no provocations would become grounds for a break-down of negotiations. Somehow, we got around to really acting on creating peace." This is a tense time for Gen

Lebed and Mr Yeltsin. If the ceasefire continues to hold, Mr Yeltsin has to decide whether to endorse the politically risky plan. But Gen Lebed appears to have se-cured the deal only at the price of creating powerful enemies at home — among them the interior minister Anatoly Kulikov, whose resig-nation be called for but failed to win, and a swath of generals who will have to suffer the humiliation of a pull-out.



Sister Pierangela, aged 41 and Seattle-born, plays football with friends in the Tuscan village of Montalone. Villagers have petitioned her order not to transfer her to Capri

### Swedish congress against exploitation of minors aims to outrage, as California leads way with tough penalties

## World states tackle spiralling child sex abuse

'if we accept a world in which children can be bought and sold as if they were goods in a supermarket, we forfeit the right to call ourselves civilised'

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Teresa

Jon Henley in Stockholm

HE numbers are estimates, but if they even approach the truth they are horrifying. Almost no corner of the world, from the poorest backstreet of Latin America to the ritziest European capital, can claim to be immune.

There are 70,000 child pros-titutes in Zambia, 200,000 in Thalland, 40,000 in Venezuela, 25,000 in the Dominican Republic and 500,000 in India. In America, between 100,000 and 300,000 children are sexually exploited through prosti-tution and pornography every

Girls of 12 have been found selling themselves on the streets of Britain; the Netherands is thought to have 1,000 child sex workers.

In eastern Europe the situa-tion is acute: even Estonia, with a population a quarter the size of London's, employs 1,500 minors, some as young

industry.
As delegates from 122 countries gathered in Stockholm yesterday for the first World Congress on the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children, the research they brought with them revealed the staggering scale of child

"The commercial sexual exploitation of children has become a global, multi-billion-dollar industry," Carol Bellamy, executive director of speech to the conference.
"Manifestations vary from society to society, but it takes

#### Australian's '850 crimes'

AN AUSTRALIAN man, aged 75, appeared in court yesterday charged with 850 child sex crimes in Australia, after earlier this

year being charged with committing similar of-fences in Bangkok.

The man, whose name cannot be released for legal reasons, faces charges of indecent dealing, sodomy and permitting sodomy with police to stop them.

Organisers admit 1960s and 1980s.

The children were aged between 13 and 16 at the time of the alleged offences, the Brisbane magistrates court heard. Police said they expected more charges. In May, the same man be-

came the second Australian charged with sex offences against children in an overseas country, the court was On that occasion he was

charged with two counts of sexual conduct involving a child aged under 16, and one of possessing four rolls of film depicting child abuse acts. It was alleged he had had sex with a girl and a boy in Bangkok between

as 10, in its fledgling sex place in virtually every though some countries have industry. be booming.

The effects of sexual exploitation on children are pro-found and often permanent, Ms Bellamy said. "Normal development is compromised self-esteem and confidence are undermined. The vast majority of sexually exploited children are denied their

ostracised by their families and communities." Experts say many factors lie behind the recent global rise of child sex abuse. In some societies, the drive towards western-style con sastronsly, with traditional beliefs that young children, particularly girls, are prop-erty to be traded — families simply sell their children for

something they want more. Fear of Aids increasingly leads men to seek ever younger prostitutes, in the mistaken belief that they are safer. And modern technology the video camera, home editing suite, computer graphics and the Internet — has made it easier for paedophiles to produce and ex-

change child pornography, and far more difficult for Organisers admit the five-day congress, sponsored by the Swedish government in co-operation with Unicef and non-governmental groups, is unlikely to produce many concrete, immediate change

but it aims to produce more

than well-meaning words. Tom Tscherning, one of the organisers and a former Swedish ambassador, said the congress should increase international co-operation aimed at strengthening and harmonising legislation. "Laws are the ultimate pro-tection for children," he said. "Nowhere near enough is being done either to make laws sufficiently strong or to enforce them when they are

Campaigners say that al. streets. - Reuter.

est rate of action and the most severe penalties, including jail terms of up to 17 years, according to a Bangkok-based group, End Child Prostitution Asian Tourism (Ecpat). By contrast, Sweden is al-

years, others lag behind. Australia has led the way in

extra-territorial legislation

which allows its nationals to

be prosecuted at home for "sex tourism" — sex crimes

against children committed abroad.

Of the 12 countries which have adopted similar laws, Australia has by far the high-

#### Briton held in Albanian jail

ALBANIAN authorities have arrested a British man and charged him with sexually abusing two young boys, a Tirana prosecutor

said yesterday. The prosecutor, Adnan Xhelili, said Paul Thomp-son, aged 34, from Wilt-shire, was arrested on Sunday in a hotel in the Adriatic resort of Durres, 30 miles west of Tirana. Mr Thompson, who is in jail, denies the charges. He

could face up to five years in prison if convicted Mr Xhelili said Mr Thompson, who is div-orced, said he had be-friended the boys, both aged under 10, because they reminded him of his own children who live with his former wife in London.

The prosecutor's office said no date had been set for a trial as inquiries were under way. The British em-bassy said an official had gone to visit Mr Thompson.

The age of consent for both heterosexual and homosexual sex in Albania is 14. Many destitute children can be seen begging in the

most alone among European countries in failing to pass egislation outlawing the pos session of child pornography Swedish campaign groups have threatened to disrupt the conference, and the anomaly — caused by constitutional procedure — drew an outburst from the Swedish

After watching a video seized in Sweden, Queen Sylvia, the patron of the con-gress, said all MPs should be made to watch at least one child pornography film to force them to push through the amendments necessary to

change the law. change the law.

If nothing else, the congress should produce a "real sense of outrage", Ron O'Grady of Ecpat said in his opening remarks. "Because basically, if we accept a world in which children can be bought and

sold as if they were goods in a supermarket, we forfeit the right to call ourselves civilised." Britain sought to take the lead yesterday in the battle against child prostitution. The junior Home Office minister, Timothy Kirkhope,

speaking at the Stockholm summit, was due to urge all countries to adopt their own action plans, as well as to commit themselves to extradite people accused of committing sex offences in other countries and to prosecute of-fenders in their own

Mr Kirkhope planned to use the gathering to highlight Britain's measures to combat the sexual abuse of children. Measures to enable people who sexually abuse children overseas to be prosecuted in Britain are expected in the

He will also offer practical assistance. British detectives have been consulted by police investigating the Belgian child sex scandal, and the Metropolitan Police helped run a training programme in the Philippines to improve child protection programmes.

## Repeat offenders face 'castration'

in Los Angeles

AKING the lead in a nationwide push to enact tougher sex-crime laws in America, California is set to pass a measure requiring "chemical castra-tion" of repeat child

The measure mandates that any child-sex offender convicted twice be periodi-cally injected, after release from prison, with a drug that inhibits sex drive unless the offender voluntarily submits to surgical

A first-time child molester convicted of a partic-ularly bad offence would have to undergo the same

treatment.
The bill is expected to be passed this week and will then face constitutional challenges.

Supporters of the mea sure, who say it will protect some of society's most vulnerable crime targets, do not consider it too punitive. given the severity of the crime and the often compulsive, recidivistic and unrepentant nature of

"What we're up against is which the bill doesn't man-the kind of criminal who. date." — New York Times.

just as soon as he gets out of jail, will immediately commit this crime again at least 90 per cent of the time," said Bill Hoge, the

chief sponsor of the bill.
"So why not give these
people a shot to caim them
down and bring them under control or, alternatively, give them the option of going under the knife? That's what they do in some countries in Europe, like Sweden and Denmark and Germany. And when they do — medicine or surgery the repeat rate drops to 2 per cent." Opponents of the bill say

is a simplistic overreac tion to a complex problem. "This measure raises some very, very serious constitutional questions, not to mention medical questions," said Valerie Small Navarro of the American Civil Liberties Union.

"There are problems regarding the right to privacy, the right to procreate. the right to control over one's body. There are questions about drug side effects and whether treatment will work in every case, especially if it isn't voluntary and isn't accompanied by therapy and counselling.



Isn't physical adornment an adult preoccupation? Shouldn't it stay that way? Encouraged in little girls, it's inappropriate, repellent, even sad.

Julie Myerson

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## Long to reign over us?

The kindest thing might be for Charles to go quietly

involved in waiting to be King of Engby headline. No private whisper goes unbugged or unpublished. No fleeting passes without a tabloid poll shricking intrusive verdicts on the supposed intimacies of your failed marriage and future relationships. There is no suffragan bishop or prebendary too insignificant to be sought out for spiritual authority. If your subjects are not calling Nick Ross about Camilla, they're devouring the latest outpourings of Lynda Lee-Potter. Sun readers urge you to "Bed her, don't wed her." Daily Telegraph leader-writers furrow their undergraduate brows before loftily advising abstinence. Mirror readers, having yesterday ruled out Camilla as your future wife (a whopping 88 per cent against), are today asked whether they would object to you marrying someone else. And this, in Bagehot's exhausted adage, is supposed to be the dignified part of our constitution! This is the part which "excites and preserves the reverence of the population."

But where is the dignity in being the Prince of Wales today and what proscloset republican, but he has a shrewd nose for a commercial storyline or six. If Charles does indeed love Camilla Parker Bowles it is a love which will have to survive persecution and humiliation on a bleak and epic scale.

We have it on no less an authority plated the surrender of what he has that - a daydream?

IS THERE a more exquisite form of always thought to be an inescapable modern torture imaginable than that duty. Mr Dimbleby tells us that the word "abdication" is anathema to the land? Every dawn brings a fresh assault royal family. 'It not only reeks of crisis by headline. No private whisper goes and failure," he writes in his doorunbugged or unpublished. No fleeting stopper biography of Charles, "but it glance goes unsnatched. No week denies the fundamental assumption of an hereditary institution." Yet who could seriously condemn the Prince if he were eventually to come to the conclusion that the game is not worth the candle? He may indeed fear the perception of "failure", but what, in the context of a modern constitutional monarchy, is "success" - and how might Charles be deemed to have achieved it unless by following the moral dictats of assorted telephone polls, focus groups and minor clerics? If stepping down involved a denial of the fundamental assumptions of an hereditary institution, would that be such an unthinkable thing? Even Tony Blair has difficulty with hereditary institutions nowadays (though he, in common with his party, has stopped short of tackling the fundamental assumptions of monarchy; the subject has not been discussed at conference since 1923 - and then in a debate lasting all of 15 minutes).

There is no doubting the Prince's sincerity when he speaks of his sense of pect is there of salvaging any dignity in | duty. Yet, in his conversations with Mr the foreseeable future? The ending of Dimbleby, Charles can offers only pain-bis unhappy marriage has closed off fully-stumbling clues as to what he one source of prurient speculation and intrusion only to open several more. thinks might be involved beyond a mere sense of duty. "If, at some stage in Rupert Murdoch may or may not be a the distant future, I was to succeed my mama, then obviously I would do my best to fulfil that next role," he told his amanuensis. "But it's very difficult to speculate myself about how I would function in that role ... Sometimes, you daydream about the sort of things you might do." In the absence of dignity, not than Jonathan Dimbleby that not once, even in his darkest moments, has the the kindest course for the Prince of Prince of Wales ever seriously contem- | Wales be if it were all to remain just

### When silence speaks volumes

Support for Mr Arafat's tortuous regime is fading

WHY ARE Yasser Arafat's friends not dumped in hospital by his captors in Could it be that, as the human rights abuses of his regime multiply, he does not have many left? Yesterday's new Israeli encroachments were a slap in the face after recent Palestinian concessions. Israeli police hoisted a bulldozer into the old city of Jerusalem to demolish a building intended as a centre for handicapped Arabs. The defence minister announced the building of a huge, new Jewish neighbourhood - frozen by the previous government - in the West shown by the PLO on Monday when it in Jerusalem. Meanwhile, the Palestinians are still pleading for a lifting of the closure which bars tens of thousands of West Bank and Gaza workers from over 50 per cent. Mr Netanyahu has finally agreed to meet the PLO leader. but he does so from a position of contemptuous strength.

Mr Arafat will have fewer friends still if he continues to run the Palestinian Authority (PA) with a despotic disregard for human rights and democracy. Since July 1995 at least eight people have died in the custody of his security services in circumstances where forture has been proved or suspected. The case in July of the young Nablus activist. Mahmoud Jumayel, was already brain-dead when he was alienates his own Palestinian people.

leaping to defend the Palestinian cause? | the "coastal police" (one of 10 semiautonomous security forces). Mr Arafat announced he would not tolerate torture and three naval officers were convicted after a hasty trial. But there is no sign of any change in the arbitrary misuse of police power. A friend of Mr Jumayel, Nasser Jumaa, who has also been tortured, remains in Jneid jail without being charged or allowed legal representation. Other detainees have been transferred back there from hospital, where signs of torture were also Bank. This was in spite of the goodwill observed. More than a hundred demonstrators protesting against the treatbowed to Binyamin Netanyahu's dement of detainees have themselves been mand and closed two of its three offices thrown into the same jail. A human rights activist, Muhammed Dahman, was only released vesterday after being held for two weeks on the order of Mr Arafat's sinister state security court, Israel and has raised unemployment to | which carries out summary trials. Amnesty International says that evidence of widespread torture is "incontrovertible" and that no serious measures are being taken to halt it.

Edward Said (in the Guardian last week) argued that Mr Arafat is behaving just like the other ageing dictators of the Middle East. If he wishes to refute such charges, Mr Arafat must meet seriously the criticisms of independent jurists and human-rights observers. Even Mr Netanyahu should be disturbed. An autocratic PA leader may seem to deliver better "security"; but has rebounded on the PA; the victim this is a futile gain if, in doing so, he

### A channel four the public good

Privatisation will diminish, not widen choice for viewers

A GOVERNMENT which can privatise | goodbye to that. It would introduce s water will not hesitate to sell public service television to the highest bidder. Michael Grade was right to start preparing his defence of Channel 4 at this but the "masked raiders" at the Treasury have been salivating over the profits which Mr Grade has been generating and his success at negotiating the end of the annual levy, which has been paid to ITV. Next year's £90 million levy will be the last, which will make it | remit. You cannot have both." even more attractive to private bidders.

It is worth reminding the current cabinet that it was a Conservative govprogrammes. Privatisation would say conventional mainstream channel.

familiar and stale media imperative: maximise your profits for shareholders by maximising your audience and spending less on programmes. Channel week's Edinburgh Festival. There is no | 4's current programme schedule distinimminent ministerial decision pending, guishes it from ITV and the hundreds of cable and satellite channels which have sharpened competition - without significantly widening choice. As Michael Grade told his Edinburgh audience: "You can have privatised C4 or you can have C4 with its full, public-service

But while the case against privatisation is strong, Mr Grade's best defence is upholding his channel's original ernment which set up Channel 4 in aims. Dilution - through too many 1981. The reason remains as valid today | American imports and too many as 15 years ago: the need for a channel | repeats - makes his station more vulwith a specific commitment to minority | nerable. Maintaining public and politiinterests, and to innovation and experi- cal support means daily disproving the ment in the form and content of its charge that Channel 4 is becoming a



Letters to the Editor

## The truth about youth

cocacy of young people's issues is well known and admired (Mad about the boys and girls, August 27) but in his enthusiasm he unfortunately gives reality a wide berth. By all neans, let's celebrate the achievements of young people, but let us not hide

from the realities. In London, youth unem-ployment has consistently risen, with a 16 per cent in-crease since 1991. The extent of youth homelessness is spiraling. Those young people who do get a job increasingly find their position insecure and bereft of legal protection since the abolition of the wages councils; 16- to 18-year-olds do not have access to ocial-security benefits; and of those who do receive severe hardship payments, reality is made little easier a 1991 government survey revealed that one-quarter needed to beg, steal or sell drugs to survive, with many turning to prostitution.

nertic among the young, is a symp-tom of a wider malaise we ignore at our peril. And let us not forget that young people are also the biggest victims of

Rather than telling young people that "they have never had it so good", we must ensure that they are as bes equipped as possible to meet both the challenges and opportunities of being young today. But when politicians make seemingly uninformed remarks about the experi-

Nuclear target

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OU report assertions that
the BNFL Thorp project is
behind schedule (Production
crisis hits Thorp nuclear
plant, August 24). This is puzzling, particularly as BNFL
has repeatedly made available figures which show that

the project has exceeded the targets which have been set

y the engineers and staff

who are currently conduct-ing the commissioning of the

These figures have been

made available to the public on several occasions over the

past three months, given to the anti-Seliafield spokesman

quoted in your article and were given to the Guardian

on the day before the publica-

I quote those figures from just one of those sources, the

May issue of our company newspaper, BNFL News:

"The plan for 63 tonnes to be reprocessed in the first year was exceeded by two tonnes. The 185-tonne target for the

peak throughput of 900 tonnes by the fifth year and

then to continue at around this level for the rest of the

10-year baseload period, Even at those levels, it only repre-

sents three-quarters of the

plant's design throughput level of 1,200 tones. BNFL remains fully confident that Thorp will reprocess 7,000 tonnes in the first 10 years of

Bill Anderton

Head of Media Affairs,

British Nuclear Fuels plc. Risley, Warrington, Cheshire WAS SAS.

tion of your article

ences of young people, it comes as no surprise to many when surveys reveal that only two out of five 18- to 24year-olds are likely to vote at the next general election. Bernard Donoghue.

Chair, London Youth Matters Pastures Youth Centre, Davies Lane, London E11 3DR.

OR Charles Hendry to suggest that the part-time, temporary-contract economy which this Government has created allows young people to "build and earn enough to enjoy [their] social life" stretches the bounds of credu-lity. With low-pay, instant dismissal, and no right to sick-pay holidays, no wonder Britain's youth are having such a great time. It must come as a bit of a shock, then. for Hendry to note vast in-creases in university attendence. Obviously, these young people are doing every-thing to avoid taking advantage of the unlimited amount of time now available.

Hendry's "opportunity" is the least valued members of at university or a £1.50-anhour job. It would be nice to believe in a "bright future" because, given the gloom, what else is there? Luke Treadinnick.

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CHARLES Hendry cites "OUB\$0 singing about the "one-in-10", taking it as a commentary on the unem- Leicester LE1 6GD.

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ployment statistics. I was always under the impression that the song was actually about people with disabil-itles. Perhaps Hendry should refer to John Redwood, who seems to be more in touch with such things despite reportedly hailing from another planet.

Stephen Smith. 35 Garnet Street

YOUR report (Young have never had it so good, August 25) identifies a num-ber of policies which affect young people. Would that central and local government could offer a similar overview and create some alignment in policy towards the

Current arrangements provide no mechanisms by which the needs and inter-ests of young people can be identified — still less pro-tected — when legislative or administrative action by different departments is proposed. Inter-departmental society, his "choice" the choice between a £10,000 debt at university or a second property of the choice between a £10,000 debt at university or a second property of the choice between a £10,000 debt at university or a second property of the choice between a £10,000 debt at university or a second property of the choice between a £10,000 debt at university or a second property of the choice between a £10,000 debt at university or a second property of the choice between a £10,000 debt at university or a second property of the choice between a £10,000 debt at university or a second property of the choice between a £10,000 debt at university or a second property of the choice between a £10,000 debt at university or a second property of the choice between a £10,000 debt at university or a second property of the choice between a £10,000 debt at university or a second property of the choice between a £10,000 debt at university or a second property of the choice between a £10,000 debt at university or a second property of the choice between a £10,000 debt at university or a second property of the choice between a £10,000 debt at university or a second property of the choice between a £10,000 debt at university or a second property of the choice between a £10,000 debt at university or a second property of the choice between a £10,000 debt at university or a second property of the choice between a £10,000 debt at university or a second property of the choice between a £10,000 debt at university or a second property of the choice between a £10,000 debt at university or a second property of the choice between a £10,000 debt at university or a second property of the choice between a £10,000 debt at university or a second property of the choice between a £10,000 debt at university or a second property of the choice between a £10,000 debt at university or a second property of the choice between a £10,000 debt at university of the choice between a £10,000 debt at university of the choice between a £10,000 debt at university or young people, especially the most vulnerable, are multifaceted and often urgent. We need ministerial co-ordination across the field of youth policies and the political will to ensure that they meet the needs of all our young people.

Chief Executive National Youth Agency.

#### Severe congestion as letters page blocked by anti-car emissions How can Mr Gummer

MICHAEL Savage (Letters, August 27) describes the car as "an example of human ingenuity". If this were true, we would by now have cars that automatically reduce their size in accordance with the number of people carried. crumble on contact with human flesh, and cause no en-vironmental pollution. We would also have buses capable of carrying supermarket trol-leys as well as wheelchairs, and juggernauts that split up into three or four smaller vehicles on reaching the out

(the oil and motor industries'), advertising and the "me-first" attitude promoted by 17 years of Tory government. Jim Grozier.

AXEL Sinding claims (Let-tiers, August 24) that indus-try is responsible for 70 per cent of pollution. Who makes cars? Motor vehicles use con-siderable amounts of steel and plastics, both of which use large amounts of energy and produce lots of pollution.

He also addresses the "econ-omies" of public transport vs the car, stating that public transport receives massive subsidies. I wonder if he takes into his equation the public subsidy in the form of healthcare necessary for the victims

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600 francs was the penalty. Cyril Ryre. Mutton's Cottage, S'Mabyn, Bodmin, Cornwall PL30 SBP.

skirts of a town.
The modern car is more

92a Springfield Road, Brighton, E Sussax BN1 6DE.

Les Stennett.

Europe in controlling vehicle pollution? Ten years ago, residents in France were liable to be pulled off the road by special police units to have exhaust emissions tested. I myself was once found to be driving a car with a slightly excessive carbon monoxide excessive carbon monoxide reading. An immediate fine of

DENIS Mason (Letters, August 26) says that a heavy increase in petrol duty heavy increase in petrol duty would be unfair to those in rural areas who have poor public transport and very few local shops. This may seem a valid objection to higher petrol taxes but we need to consider why the rural infrastruc-ture has deteriorated.

The main reason is the growth of the car. Many car-owners in villages work in cities and do their shopping there; many others may still use their cars to go to the nearest out-of-town shopping centre. Both these groups rarely use public transport or shops in their own communi-ties. This fall in demand leads to the withdrawal of local services and more pressure on

people to buy a car.
This vicious circle needs to be broken for the sake of the many people who cannot af-ford cars, and for the sake of the environment. Richard Mountford. 76 Springfield Road, Birmingham B14 7DY.

#### Workers of the world, unite

OU report (Prescott woos Labour vote in US, August 26) that Labour's deputy leader says there is a lot to admire in the Clinton administration. some in the Cinton annum-istration. On the same page is an account of how the new Welfare Bill, signed by Clin-ton, will cut off all assistance to illegal immigrants in Cali-fornia as well as millions of

the poor in the rest of the US. Wouldn't my colleagues be better advised to make con-tact with the New American Labour Party set up recently in Cleveland at a conference of 1,500 people and with much support from US trade unions? They have decided that the Democratic Party no longer represents the working class and that the US needs a real Labour Party. Hugh Kerr MEP.

European Parliament, 97-113 rue Belliard, 1047 Brussels, Belgium.

ONE reads that John Pres-cott is inaugurating a new branch of the Labour Party in Chicago, a week after doing the same in Boston, and after other branches have been opened in the US, Aus-tralia, Cyprus and the other

EU state

Is there any greater hypocrisy in British politics than the Labour Party resolutely refusing to organise in Northern Ireland and denying membership to Labour sup-porters resident here? As a Londoner, living in England until the late 1960s, I was welcomed to active membership; as a taxpayer, citizen and voter still, I am refused if I apply from this address. Were I to do so from Brisbane, Boston, Brussels or Bangkok, I would be accepted.

Bob Rodwell. 86 Shore Road, Ballyhalbert. Newtownards, Co Down BT22.

### A Country Diary

TAMAR VALLEY: Below Weir Head, at low tide, the Tamar flows in a narrow channel beside a slippery, Blank holidays stony shore. Upstream is the silted-up lock of the derelict DOES J R Catlin (Letters, August 27) appreciate the additional burden that more Navigation Canal, a quiet backwater covered in Illies and hemmed in by dark trees. public holidays would place on food supplies? Last Friday, my local Sainsbury's all but disappeared under heaving crowds of shoppers, all intent Across the river's ebbing water, a single, round-headed willow marks the edge of an expansive sunlit meadow and beyond, in a blue haze, is Morwell Wood. Flat land on on taking home enough food to enable a small village to withstand a three-month siege. The scene at Christmas is straight the Cornish side is restricted to a narrow terrace below the out of Dante. For pity's sake, let's leave well alone. wooded Colley Cliff. Tall Himalayan balsam, Japanese knotweed and hogweed en-croach on the narrow path and trees cast dense shade over ruined walls growing ferns, ivy and moss. Just recognisable are the remains of a lime kiln, the end wall of a cottage and an old well Amazingly, this remote, over-grown site was once a ship-building yard downriver from Gunnislake, a booming min-Gunnislake, a booming min-ing town in the 19th century.

stakes Quay under the direction of Emmanuel Crocker, timber merchant and ship-builder. So narrow is the river here, almost at the head of navigation, that schooners had to be launched sideways on high spring-tides. As was customary, locals — includ-ing miners, mine agents, mer-chants, master mariners and farmers - bought shares in these vessel properties, which carried goods on river, coastal and deep waters. One, the Thomas Edwin, a 74-ton schooner, was part-owned by my great, great grandfather, Brewer Tom Martin of St Dominic. Her maiden voyage was in 1867 to load dried. salted cod on the Gaspe penin-sula in Quebec. Tragically, the crew of five, all from Plymouth, were found dead from hypothermia on Anti-costi island in the St Law-rence Gulf. The vessel was undamaged and Mr Crocker, the intrepid managing owner. travelled to Canada to salve and sail her home, across the Atlantic and up the Tamar.

VIRGINIA SPIERS Between 1864 and 1868 five vessels were built at Net-

#### Sex for sale

THY the outrage at paedo philes and pornogra-phers? If British people want to know how they themselves have helped define perceptions of the role of women and girls, let them wander into any reputable high-street newsagent, where the top cou-ple of shelves provide the shopper of any age with a range of pornography probably wider than the range of material for any other interest group. They will find plenty of examples of women ed up, or rather down, in parodies of little-girl outfits

Letters to the Editor may be faxed on 0171 837 4530 or sent by post to 119 Farringdon Road, London ECIR SER, and by email to letters@guardian.co.uk Please include a full postal address and daytime telephone number, even in e-mailed letters. We regret we cannot marily as objects for sex. Jenny Pugsley. Richmond, Surrey TW10. nowledge receipt of letters. We may edit them: shorter ones are more likely to appear.

#### CHARLOTTE Raven uses and DIV. I feel like: 1) a wom-become a single mother as an excuse for asserting that all the state of the state think of. en are crap (What women don't want, August 26). Why? Please don't generalise. I'm in favour of women's rights because they're human rights,

I live in a society I didn't nake; my parents gave me values which conflict, though generally for the best; I've read teminist literature; I've never called a woman fat, ugly or dumb; I don't join in conversations lauding men and dismissing women as interchangeable. Yet I am dismissable herause my gender not because you'll come after me with scissors. But Ms Raven appears to be from the planet which spawned the Independence Day aliens; she wants my resources, then she wants me to die. Charming. Gil Jaysmith. missable because my gender proves I'm useless beyond sex Montague Court, Kingsdown, Bristol BS2.

Ronald W Graves.

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New man seeks new post

### second year was bettered by 23 tonnes and the planned 433-tonne target for the third year is without doubt achievable." The aim is to achieve the

adopting little girls' apparently helpless poses. While we are not actively campaigning against this per-petually insulting display, we WE do nominally have Europe's fewest bank holidays, but, taking France, should New Year, May Day, VE-Day, Bastille Day, Assumption, All Saints, Armistice etc fall on a weekend, then it's lefromage dur, no day in lien and back to work on are supporting those who profit from it and encourage ing everyone to believe that it's OK to view women pri-

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Keith Wright.

David McKie

would have said about that Having prudently died in 1943 he's been spared these revelutions, which is just as well

tions, which is just as well since he devoted the whole of his working life to the belief that if you offer people information in a clear and accessible form, they will wolf it up. That was the basis of Mee's Children's Encylopaedia, which in my edition runs to 10.

which in my edition runs to 10 volumes and in some people's to several more. It's a chaoue

work, rather like a vast depart-ment store which sells stock-

ings on the fifth floor and tights in the basement Be-

ause it was originally issued

in fortnightly parts, it yanks you round from topic to dispa-

rate topic: woman (ber brain

compared with man's) on one

page and a poem by Keats on the next. But trawl it with the the index and untold wealths of

information are there, from

AA ("standing for Automobile Association") to Zyrardow, the Polish woollen centre. The eldest son of a railway fireman — there were 10 child-

from early youth a kind of information machine. At the turn of the century he was spotted by Northcliffe, not least for his collection of 250000

for his collection of 250,000 press cuttings. That led to Hermsworth Histories Of The

technology

#### Diary

Matthew Norman

TRIUMPH awaits
New Labour in America. In a fortnight, two of our finest exports will officially endorse the party at a public breakfast attended by Patsy Prescott the party chump. Yes, it's that golden New York media couple, Harry Evans and Tina Brown. Partly. you suspect, since Harry, boss at Random House, and Tina, editor of the New Yorker, are not famed for backing losers, their support is considered a splen-did prize—albeit one(that has been on the cards since has been on the cards since they flew to Washington in April just to be at the same party as Mr Tony Blair. What has finally perstaded Mr Evans, once a brilliant editor of the Sunday Times, to prepare the chimney for the puff of white smoke is unclear. Certainly, it would seem an act of unlikely arrogance were he to hold forth gance were he to hold forth on the governance of a country he had no intention of living in. Perhaps Mr
Evans thinks he has reached
the "old age" which, he once
said, was the one thing that
would bring him back to London. Certainly, at 68, he has matured from the young firebrand who reput-edly refused Harold Wilson's offer of a Labour

IROM Scotland come major medical break through: a cure has been found for haemor-rhoids. You may recall ho Sye Webster, banned by Arbroath FC after kissing the referee, adduced as evidence in his bid for readmi sion his doctor's statement that watching from a bench outside the ground was aggravating his Parmer Giles. The ban has since been lifted, Mr Webster has been drinking with players after games, and on a pre-season trip to Newcastle he was even invited to breakfast with the team . . . and, so Scotland on Sunday reports, those piles have vanished. It's a miracle.

the blitz ad-campaign of Mercury Communications featuring the spectral floating baby will find it hard to believe, but there is, after all, something you cannot do with a telephone: you cannot use it to complain to Mercury One2One about a faulty mobile phone. A customer reports that when he called recently; an operator called William adamantiy refused to connect him to customer relations, on the grounds Apparently, only the post will do. with complaints.

T seems that London Underground, purveyor of chaos and misery to the capital city, has passed a correspondence course at the Paul Johnson School of Sane and Rational Moral Judging. LU has banned a condom poster on the ground that it features a gay couple. It does carry condom ads (one for Durex shows a man and a woman, naked to the waist, cuddling in what appears to be a pool of semen) but two men in bed together, however passively, has proved too much. Meanwhile, in an impressive follow-up strike, LU has told the gay charity Rubberstuffers that its posters must avoid the words "gay", "sex", and "con-dom"...an intriguing lo-gistical challenge to a group whose purpose is to provide free condoms to gay men who may well want to use them during sex.

N the continuing row be-tween Esther Rantzen and her BBC colleague Martin Ware, who accuses her of sloppy journalism and of misleading viewers about a centre for the incurably ill, a quote moves me to guished reporter," said Es-ther in Monday's Independent. "But I too have been have to understand Esther's phobia about self-congratu-lation to know what pain such a declaration will have caused her. Not only does she care (she cares almost too much, some believe); she has courage to match. Truly, the woman is a saint.

T Sparesbrook Crown Court, an offi-cial message has been posted in the barristers' robing room, "Please do not spit in the ashtrays," it says. What is the world coming



## I ime for a Minister of Justice

#### Commentary

#### Derek Lewis

HE protracted fracas over the early release of prisoners appears to have elevated the humble cock-up into a noble art form. Even the Grand Old Duke of York could not have marched his soldiers up to the top of the hill and down again more expeditionally.

This sorry tale demonstrates the undiminished

capacity of the British for muddling through. The 1967 Act, which purports to set out how remand time spent in prison should be deducted from prison sentences, is a masterpiece of woolly draft-ing which has been interpreted for 30 years with a strong dose of common sense seasoned by local improvisa-tion. Gone, however, are the days when prisoners were compliant respectors of a Home Secretary's authority. Today prisoners, egged on by lawyers high on Legal Aid, turn to the law at the slightest provocation. The threat that litigation could undermine 30 years of muddling through resolve an absurdity in the

the issue could become for the Government and the Prison ervice. Ministers agreed. Even after making allow-

ances for the August silly sea-son and the settling of old scores between the Prison Service, probation services and ministers, such a bizzarre outcome could hardly have been anticipated. It seems that the purist view of a hitherto obscure lawyer within the Home Office has triggered a catastrophic chain of events. He concluded that prisoners sentenced to conoffences should benefit more than once from their time spent on remand by having it deducted from each sentence. The Prison Service complied with a degree of alacrity that in other circumstances have been commendable. Meanwhile government ministers were extalling the vir-isters were extalling the vir-ines of the Union Jack on identity cards, blissfully un-aware of the ticking time bomb, concerning which they should not only have been in-

formed but intimately involved. Others will rake over the coals in microscopic detall to decide who shot John — and indeed which John was or should have been shot. Thankfully, Michael How-ard has acted rapidly to

prompted me to recommend a law or in its interpretation—review of the whole system but there is a sting even in last year — acutely aware of how politically embarrassing errors has been capped by the errors has been capped by the bizarre spectacle of a Home Secretary reduced to inviting convicted criminals to sue him so that the courts can

resolve the situation.

Let us hope a prisoner will oblige and the courts will rule quickly in favour of common sense. If, perish the thought, they were to rule that the new Home Office legal advice is correct, there will need to be urgent legislation to restore sanity for the future.

Events such as these can have dangerous side effects.

They can create an unholy al-liance between ministers, senior civil servants and op-position politicians as they indulge in an orgy of centrali-sation. Ministers naturally believe cock-ups justify their own instinctive belief that only they, not those running the operations, are capable of acting rationally and with due consideration for minis-terial careers. Mandarins will argue for more central con-trols over organisations such as the Prison Service in the quest for power and the interests of their own job security. Opposition politicians will short-sightedly demand more ministerial involvement as a way of pinning responsibility

election. The other danger, amid all the hoopla, is that the more fundamental issues will be ignored. Our system of holding people on remand in prison is a national scandal. With more than 10,000 in prison awaiting trial or sentence, most spend many months incarcerated, and for some it extends to a year or more. The cost to the taxpayer is enormous — £300 million or so each year money that could be much better spent preventing crime, catching and convicting more criminals, and reha-bilitating those sent to prison. The blame for these delays and the misuse of taxpayers'

money rests with our system of criminal justice and with the law on remand. The justice system is painfully slow and creaking. Recent im-provements in the police, Crown Prosecution Service and court system have done little more than nibble at practices that are rooted in

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the 19th rather than the 20th century.

Prisoners and their defence lawyers who play the remand system contribute equally to the problem. Prisoners expecting a prison sentence drag their heels. They would rather serve time on remand, where they are not required to work and enjoy better con-ditions, than in the more austere environment experienced by convicted prisoners. Defence lawyers spin out

often at public expense through the generous Legal Aid system.

While the guilty benefit from manipulating the system, the innocent suffer. One in five remand prisoners is acquitted. They will have served a sentence for a crime they did not commit. They may have lost their job, their home or their family but most will receive no compensation A new system is needed for

determining the length of prison sentences. Remand time should no longer be automatically deducted from the sentence. Judges should decide exactly how long pris-oners should serve after they have been convicted, whether time spent on remand should be taken into account and if so how much — taking a prop-erly dim view of those who have adopted delaying tactics. And for those acquitted who have been held on remand too long because of delays by the prosecution, there should be the real possibility of compen-sation. Ministers had already responded to Prison Service requests for such changes as part of the sentencing proposals published in the March white paper — a welcome case where government ministers can honestly say that the problem was anticipated

and acted on. But the Government must not confine itself to dealing with the mechanics of calculating sentences. The warring factions of the criminal-justice system — police, prisons, probation, lawyers, judges and courts — are all in need of a radical shake-up. The time has come to create a control of the court of the time has come to create a single Ministry of Justice that would have the vision, the determination and the power to achieve change where others

executive and director-general of the Prison Service 1993-1996.

A substantial part of the Treasury could be turned into luxury flats. **Deyan Sudjic** 

ignations, ignoring the fact that they hope to reverse

## proposes that other historic buildings in London might be made to earn their living Whitehall's new flat tax

O SHORT of money is Britain that the only way the Treasury can afford a new carpet is to sell off half its threadbare Whitehalf headquarters for use as luxury flats. No, this is not a joke: such is the power of real

life to leap-frog over even the most fantastic attempts at irony. Ken Clarke's financial rocket-scientists are at this verymoment poring over the fine arint of two separate pro-posals along exactly those

Stunt Lipton and Godfrey Bradman, the men who brought us the late unla-mentel property boom of the 1980s and followed it with the even less lamented property bust, see the deal as their best chance of making a come-back as developers. They are fighting each other for the chance to refurbish those parts of the building that the Treasury will not part with.
In exchange, the successful
develope will be able to turn
the other half into a block of ultra-upmarket flats aimed at the kind of high rollers who fancy an unobstructed view of Buckingham Palace from Huckingham Palace from their Jacuzzi window, high rollers who have presumably been positively vetted to ensure they do not harbour a secret passion for target practice with high-powered rifles or unsuspected proficiency in the use of ultra-sensitive longrance listeming devices. range listening devices.

Given that the Treasury is

in a better position to borrow cheaply than either Lipton or Bradman, it is hardly a recipe for saving the country money. Nor is it likely to make life easy for future Chancellors: if easy for future Chancellots. In the successful bidder eventu-ally goes bust, the only secu-rity that the banks could count on would be the Trea-sury building itself, presum-ably with full vacant posses-tion leaving the mandarins sion, leaving the mandarins out in the street. But the point of the exercise

Treasury is only the most | basement as part of the deal

looking after the pennies; what we are talking about here is winning elections. The feel-good factor depends on tax reduction, and tax reducmany pounds as possible off the public-sector borrowing requirement. And in pursuit But the point of the exercise of that object, the private fi-is nothing so pedestrian as name initiative, of which the

baroque manifestation, has barety got into its stride.

Madame Tussaud's is offering to build a visitors' centre henge and the Foreign Office is touting a development site in the centre of Berlin in the hope of squeezing the British of bringing down the crims embassy to Germany into the figures, it is time to down-size

But for a government that has already had the vision to embark on privatising the prisons, the railways and the nuclear-power stations, there is no need to stop there. Now that the Home Secre-

tary is doing such a good job

the more insecure tycoon with Latin American poppy-growing connexious, and with an interest in a heavily guarded front door and 24-

tive democracy redundant and the BBC's studio across the way from Palace Yard has taken on the role of the lobby, the chamber would make a fine setting for Planet Washington, the first in a worldwide chain of politically themed hamburger restau rants with party memorabilia all over the walls. It would certainly be a no less digni-fied fate for the building than County Hall's proposed new

use as an aquarium.

Those gothic halls in the Law Courts in the Strand are clearly the most monumental lost opportunity, just begging for a dynamic new future as the Last Chance Gambling Saloon, franchised to Mecca. And the National Gallery would make a fine marriage centre for Japanese visitors keen to fly round the world to plight their troth under the gaze of a Leonardo or a Rembrandt Then, of course, there are

the rich opportunities of Downing Street itself. Why not meet the ever more heavy running costs of the Prime Minister's residence by carv-ing out self-contained office space in the basement? It is just the sort of address that Ross Perots of this world would pay handsomely for, and it is certainly much better value than having to buy all those votes.

#### the Met, leaving plenty of room inside New Scotland Yard surplus to requirements, which presents an unsurpassed opportunity for top-security living with Palace views. Such residences would be uniquely well-suited to catering for the highly specialised requirements of

World — Natural History and Popular Science. In his last 12 years he turned to another au-dacious project a village-by-village audit in 41 volumes of all the English counties. The impulse was much the same. Mee wanted people to know what their country contained — especially now that the mo-And what about the Palace to do what till then had been people's minds as any latter f Westminster? Now that the the lot of only a privileged few: day Windsor — Barbara in of Westminster? Now that the the lot of only a privileged few: Internet has made representation to explore it for themselves. He was editor rather than author. he could hardly travel the whole terrain himself, so be relied on reports by close colleagues and friends. But open a

> To a modern ear, it is often archaic and sometimes a little cloying "We found it," he says of Rushden, Herts, "far away from the strife of the world with as lovely a group of

round a garden of flowers." Unlike the Shell guides of the 50s and 60s, which believe in calling a dump a dump. Mee always tries to err on the side of charity; though sometimes he is decembered. he is defeated, not least when he revisits his native town of Stapleford, Norts: "We come to it." he mourns, "with amaze that half a century could bring about such a change, for 30 years ago it was a quiet vil-lage." That was the 1940s: it's ORE than 25 per cent of people aged 16 to 24, according to Gallup in yesterday's Daily Telegraph, can't tell you the date of the Battle of Hastings. Only one in 10 can name the king who signed Magna Carta. Yet more than eight in 10 know who plays the landlady of the Queen Vic pub in EastEnders: Barbara Windsor.

I wonder what Arthur Mee would have said about that

far, far worse today.
All of which has long made Mee unfashionable. If he's mentioned at all, it is often with condescension, as a kind of well-meaning sentimentalist with a hopeless addiction to anecdote and a hopelessly complacent adoration for England. But that gets him wrong Mee is a nonconformist, with for deference to the great and ceal for liberty. His sympathies are always for the smaller against the greater. Wat Tyler against Richard II: Parliament against the King; the Peterloo

rebels against the repressive regime of Lord Liverpool. Robin Hood, in the King's Eng-land book on Mee's native county, "stood for England for centuries as the embodiment of the resentment of the poor against the forest laws. In his pillaging, he is vindicating democratic right against tyrannous authority." Above all, he believed in view incomments. believed in self-improvement: and not as a penance, either, but as an enricher of life. He belongs to the optimistic age of youth-hostelling, cycling clubs and the WEA.

There are scattered signs today of a resurrection. A columnist in the Telegraph discovers the Children's Encyclo paedia in a second-hand bookshop and confesses he is impressed. The Evening Standard names him as one of the great popular educators of our age. In Yorkshire, Steve Rudd and his partner, Julie Ellison, having noted that many counties are scarce in bookshops and some unobtainable are seven years into a project to republish the King's Eng-land series direct from the original text.

Today, no doubt, he'd be retained as consultant to some organisation deeply involved in the IT revolution, devising the kind of CD Roms which would make William I and cluded. He died at a time - two years before the end of the second world war people still subscribed to the notion of progress, still be-lieved that it lay in our hands page at random, and the tone is to create a better world. Today unmistakably his. we tend to suspect and disparage prophets of self-improve-ment. But it's better than self-

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## Retro-chic hits the hijack

It's back, like other sixties icons, but this time the air hold-up looks distinctly clumsy. lan Black on a terrorist anachronism

hostage negotiators, the Ar-able-speaking interpreters

have good reason to seek to and international law.

even claimed reponsibility for the higgest act of mass

trymen in having the means to get out. Legal fundamentals

require a trial here. The other possibility — return to the point of departure — With Amal" after the Lebamust be ruled out because Sudan's cosy relationship in 1985 took a plane to Bei-with its fellow-pariah in rut and started a two-week international deathwatch flight to Khartoum would by murdering a US Navy mean death. Over to man and dumping his body Michael Howard — nor- live on camera. And in a mally busy trying to appease Britain's more respectable Middle Eastern friends about their Londonbased dissidents — and an imaginative interpretation of the asylum laws once

punishment has been

ing civilian planes. Leila Khaled in London and the operations at Dawsons Field in Jordan were among the Palestinians' would find in Britain. They differed only from the mass of their unfortunate counweak with a strong sense of the dramatic.

> nese Shi'ite movement that sinister meeting of terrorist and media agendas, those hostages were eventually freed with an ABC anchorman acting as MC. But planes are much harder now: 25 years ago anyone with the nerve could divert one with a pis-

The Middle East provided many of the most compel-ling examples of the genre. TWA was dubbed "Travel

sional, who can still break through the defences - like the Algerian Islamists who took an Air France flight to Marseilles a couple of years ago — but it does make the attempt more risky.

Coordinated legal moves have helped: air piracy is air piracy, so when Cuban hijackers land in Miami the Americans routinely send politicans say about isolating Havana. Traci exiles complained

yesterday that they were embarassed by the Stansted hijack but insisted it underlined the need for more de-termined international attention to getting rid of Saddam Hussein. The other really big job

remains tackling those faceless terrorists who murder to express a genand mute, for the West, for America. They at least



obeying instructions to beying instructions to beying instructions to beying instructions to beyong instructions to be beyong instructions to beyong the beyong obeying instructions to keep the hijackers calm



ron Baker . . . the 'Christopher Columbus of Brixton' and of Notting Hill's Carnival

## King Carnival

curry, rice and peas from a street stall or bemosning at a public meeting the lack of opportunities for black teenagers, he would always strive for the dramatic

same grand style on Monday est loves — the Notting Hill

to say that without Baron Baker there would be no carfion. At school, he was taught English history and geogra-phy, and brought up to revere the monarchy and the British political system.

Later, he carried that faith

in the "mother country" with him, turning down work cut-

hawking goat second world war, he bridled with wounded British pride when taunted by white GIs: "We are King George VI's soldiers, not Roosevelt's black boys," he told them.

Baron Baker was one of the few West Indians to stay on in this country after the war, and it was then that the full night, timing his departure to coincide with one of his great-nation in Britain hit him. He was turned down for jobs as carnival. Few of the hundreds of thousands of revellers who packed west London that night will have realised the don's slum areas, finally setirony, but as they danced, a man who had beiped to create this annual celebration of British multi-culturalism lay dying after a heart attack.

It would be an exaggeration of the thick with the Queen of England, people would assume she was a prostitute," he told me.

It was typical of Baker that instead of allowing his experi-Baker there would be no carnival. But he certainly played a large — and largely forgotten — part. And for the record he also helped to create the black community of Brixton.

Born in Kingston, Jamaica, he was a product of British colonial rule in the West Indians, Park Indians — culturally Caribbean but English by education. At school, he was tauget a record of the deep air raid shelter in Clapham to be recorded as a record of several several control of the deep air raid shelter in Clapham to be recorded as a record of allowing his experiences to faster into bitterness, offering a helping hand to other arriving West Indians. When the SS Empire Windows the College of the SS Empire Windows the SS Empire Windows the College of t opened as a reception centre.

The newcomers descended on the nearest labour exchange in Coldharbour Lane, Brixton; and so a community was born. In 1988, when Lam-beth council marked the forti-

ARON Baker had a taste for the the atrical. Whether Posted in Sussex during the lumbus of Brixton". He might equally have been called the Columbus of Notting Hill, as he played a for-

mative part in the events that gave birth to the carnival. In August, 1958, the area ex-ploded into racial violence when thousands of white late 1950s. youths rioted against their His relat black neighbours.
On the third and worst night of the rioting, Baker

who were milling around outside shouting: "Let's burn the niggers out."

a church hall in King's Cross, as a statement that British of being intimidated out of their homes by racist violence. A couple of years later, the carnival returned triumphantly to Notting Hill. I first came across him as a student, researching a book

on the riots, and fully ex-pected to have my naive questions swatted aside. To my relief, he was generous and . I remember him most not

as a Columbus — though the title is appropriate — but as someone who loved to tell

teaching literature to the

young and opposed teaching a literature specially adapted

for school pupils. Taught ap-propriately, Shakespeare, he felt, could be enjoyed early

using the original texts when I experienced might learn.

infectious laugh. He was a good-time boy, friends were drawn to him, including Josephine Baker and Sarah Chur-chill. Winston's daughter, as well as Mandy Rice-Davies and Christine Keeler in the

His relationship with au-flority was less affectionate. Hubert — his real name.— Baker had a record for cannaand his friends, in a cafe bis dealing, for which he called The Fortress, made Molotov cocktails and hurled gised. He first took the drug them against white rioters when he was 10—his mother infused it in his tea — and continued to use it all his life. continued to use it all his life, believing it did him much good and nobody else any harm. At the same time, he campaigned against hard drugs, perceiving heroin and crack cocaine as the real enemy. His efforts to improve the lot of local unemployed teenagers gave birth, after years of fruitless endeavour, to Prospects Kensington, a thriving west London train-

ing agency. He died on Monday night in Hammersmith hospital, just a few miles from the carnival. He was too far away to hear the music — but if he had been dancing.

In the Department of Edu-

cation, he worked to know every student so that his his

choics of their school place-ments — he kept in close touch with each educational

establishment — extended their understanding. By the

wyn College, Cambridge. In 1986, he suffered a severe

stroke, the first of several, but his strong constitution and

the devoted care of Pamela enabled him to attend con-

conclusion of his profes career, he was director of studies and life fellow at Sel-

Klaus Heldensohn urices: Rio Reiser, Germany's rock king may have been a travelling salesman's son but the Ger-man word for traveller is "reisender," not, as your obit-uary (August 23) suggested, "reiser," which doesn't exist in the language unless spelt with "sz". It thus becomes "reiszer" meaning something "thriller." When Reiser was at the height of his success he And "scherben", which featured in the name of his band should be translated as "broken pieces" and not as

#### Birthdays

Paul Allen, footballer, 34; The Duke of Argyll, chief of clan Campbell, 59; Rt Rev John Bone, Bishop of Reading, 68; Sir Cecil Clothier QC, chairman, Beverlay Allin inquiry, 77; Imogen Cooper, planist, 47; Lord (Hugh) Cudlipp, journalist, 83; Prof Wently Davies, historian, 54; Windsor Davies, actor. 68; Windsor Davies, actor, 66, Arthur Dunkel, former directive general, Gatt, 54; Janet
Frame, novelist, 72; Carol
Harlow, prof of public law,
LSE; 61; Sir Rupert HartDavis, author and publisher,
38; Anne Hudson, prof of Medisval English, University of
Oxford, 58; Emlyn Hughes,
footballer, broadcaster, 49;
Prof Sir John Kingman,
vice chancellor, Eristol University, 57; Dr Joseph Luns,
former secretary-general, former secretary-general, Nato, 85: Elain Mellor, for-mer jockey, 53; Donald O'Connor, actor, dancer, 71; Max Robertson, broadcaster, 81; John Shirley-Quirk, bassbaritone, 65; David Soul, ac-

#### Raymond O'Malley

## English as a lively living literary language

AYMOND O'Malley, stractions exhibited "hy-who has died aged 86, gienic, rootless rationality" but told that he could no abated until his 1949 marriage had connected him with what longer teach and must work to cellist Pamela Hind. English to young people, from primary level to university. He was born in London of moving force behind Scru-Irish parents — his father tiny, to which he contributed. was a soldier - and as a Through Scrutiny he met edi- on the economy. After a young man his avid reading torial board member Denys included the works of Thompson, with whom the croft in Wester Ross, "too DH Lawrence as they came out. After an English first at Trinity College, Cambridge, 1870s. O'Malley's first wife, without one". One Horse Trinity College, Cambridge, he taught at Dartington Hall School in Devon, There he became senior English QD Leavis.

cational theorists whose abgranted an exemption from a brain haemorrhage in

became known as Cambridge English and to FR Leavis, the Dorothy Apthorpe, a South Farm, his account of those African, was the best friend of strenuous years was pub-

on a farm. He decided on subsistence farming, which neither added to the war effort nor made him a drain QD Leavis.

When the second world war broke out, O'Mailey was cated to his wife who had died

After the war, he returned to Dartington but in 1959 took a Southampton University lectureship and in 1961 moved to Cambridge as a lecturer in the Department of Educa-tion.He completed, with Desecondary school course books that took pupils up to O level. At a time when parsing and pracis were the staple of school English, English for the Living encouraged intelli-gent reading and lively writing. Other series followed.

His interest in literature was broad and political in the tradition of RH Tawney. D H Lawrence represented for him, among other things, con-tinuity in community life and sensitivity to the rhythms of nature. This was no romantic notion of an "organic commu-nity" but something he knew at first hand from the valley in the Cuillen mountains. His crofting experience also gave him a love of folk song. He wrote the entry on that subject in Cambridge Guide to the Arts in Britain.

and remain a source of plea-sure as the pupil grew older. He was a perceptive critic and invited students to consider texts from a fresh angle. He had a quiet authority and hearing him speak, you were compelled to admire the integrity behind the self-effac-

ing sharp-seeing tall man. At the same time he had a de-lightful sense of humour, which showed itself in his teaching. This was never dull and was an activity he be-lieved should be shared with students. The teacher had no Arts in Britain.

O'Malley, like Mathew Ariage of having made more nold before him; believed in mistakes by which the less

certs for most of his remaining years. He also leaves a daughter and two sons.

Raymond O'Malley, teacher born August 15, 1909; died July

#### Death Notices

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## Black Mountain sounds

former of contemporary piano music to devote himself to the composition and performance of electronic music.

phia, Pennsylvania, where he began his career as an organ-the summer of 1953, with ist. After studying composition and piano, he began to tor. Tudor joined him as comconcentrate on the piano and soon became known as an interpreter of some of the most demanding works in the

with him in mind. He gave why the choreographer had the first performances of chosen the piece when they cage's Music of Changes heard it played by another (1952) and the Concert for planist, so Cunningham followed by Sounddance

formed at Black Mountain the summer of 1953, with John Cage as musical direcpany musician. He continued to perform and tour with the company until the end of 1994. when ill-health caused him to contemporary repertory.

In New York in 1950, he gave the American première succeeded him as the compa-— and the second performance anywhere — of Pierre continued as musical advisor. Boulez's Second Piano Sonata. He also gave the first loved to play 19th century performances of works by salon music, and he made a Karlbeinz Stockhausen, who dedicated a piece to him, and many others. But his closest in 1953, Another Cunningham association was with John dance of that year was Bonjo, to music by Louis Moreau works until 1970 were written Gottschalk. Cunningham's either directly for Tudor or | dancers could not understand

At Black Mountain in 1952. where Tudor was an instruc-tor, he took part in Cage's famous untitled, unstructured theatre piece, together with Cunningham, the poets Mary Caroline Richards and Charles Olson, and the painter Robert Rauschenberg. A number of friends from Black Mountain later formed the Gate Hill Co-op in Stony Point, New York, known as "The Land," where Cage, Tudor, Richards, and other artists lived for many years.
In the early 1960s, Cage and
Tudor initiated the trend
towards "live" (as opposed to taped) electronic music in the Cunningham company's musical repertory, and Tudor ended his active career as a

AVID Tudor, who has died aged 70, ter at a retrospective concert of Cage's music at New York abandoned a career as a virtuoso personal contemporary usic to devote himself of contemporary was monosition and perform felectronic music.

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AVID Tudor, who piano and Orchestra, the later rehearsal. "It sounded like 50 banjos all played at once," Cunningham has said, and work was "conducted" by work was "conducted" by when they heard, the dancers understood. Tudor also played music of this kind for the control of the sounded like 50 banjos all played at once," Cunningham has said, and when they heard, the dancers understood. Tudor also played music of this kind for the control of the sounded like 50 banjos all played at once," Cunningham has said, and when they heard, the dancers understood. Tudor also played music of this kind for the control of the sounded like 50 banjos all played at once," Cunningham has said, and when they heard, the dancers understood. Tudor also played music of this kind for the constitution of 1992, he has tiful katherine Litz. returned to the acoustic plano in concert performances of Cage's Winter Music with Atlas Eclipticalis and, in 1993, Solo for Piano. In 1994, Cunningham was able to realise his final collaborations with Cage, Ocean, to which Tudor contributed the electric component, Soundings: Ocean Diary. The orchestral element, played by 112 musi-cians, is by Andrew Culver, following Cage's original con-cept. The work was per-formed earlier this summer,

at the Lincoln Center Festival in New York.

Many of the electronic devices used in Tudor's compositions were designed and made by himself. Tudor was one of four core artists who collaborated on the design of the Pepsi Pavillon for Expo 70, Osaka, Japan, a project of Experiments in Art and Tech-nology. With the visual artist



Jacqueline Monnier, he developed a kite environment that was installed at the Whitney Museum in New York in 1986, in Dusseldorf in 1988, and at the Jack Tilton Gallery in New York in 1990. Other collaborators included the film. laborators included the film-maker Molly Davies, the cho-reographer Viola Farber, and

the painter Robert
Rauschenberg.
He was a great cook, particularly of the cuisine of India,
where he had spent much

time. "John Cage said David rehearsing an extremely com-had a golden ear," Merce plex solo, one of the first he Cumningham said recently, and added, "that he did, but he also had a marvellous in despair. Tudor then sense of humour." In general, remarked: "Well, this is Tudor's contribution to the life and work of the Cunning-ham company was more than just musical; as much as Cun-ningham and Cage them-selves, he personified its philosophy. One day at Black Mountain when Cunningham was

clearly impossible - but we'll

go right ahead and do it David Yaughan

David Tudor, composer, born January 20, 1926; died Augus 13, 1996

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chance processes, he sat down in despair. Tudor then remarked: "Well, this is

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#### Strange vision

PILGRIMS and sightseers are flocking into a small country church in South Australia to see a vision on the altar wall. "When it first appeared I shared it with the people, and they said: "Well. yes, if you squint and think good thoughts... maybe..." But now everyone is coming in," said the priest, the Revd Andrew Nutter. The Tablet's supernatural tales, thanks to Diana Capey.

#### Fold away

WITH the rise in popularity of telecommuting, keeping control of your workspace has become a real headache - nobody wants to share a desk, even if they are not at work most of the time. Haworth's correspondent solves the problem neatly. An office-in-a-box, the cherry-veneered Correspondent pro-vides plenty of desk space,

tack and marker boards everything your old desk of-fered. But when the day's over, this workspace folds down into a handy box. You could even put it in the boot of VOUL CAL. Wired magazine brings a new

meaning to taking your work

with the dawn chorus, so it's an

#### Clock in 8AM: Male hormones are up

ideal time for making love . . . it only you could persuade her. By some freakish oversight of nature, female hormones don't get going until late evening. 8.30 AM: If she cools your ardour with the old "ironing board round the head" trick, she's picked the perfect time — levels of pain-killing endomorphins are highest now. Make use of them by visiting the doc-tor, dentist or bank manager oefore lunch. 9-12AM: The brain is raring to go. Get your active thinking and difficult work out of the

way first. 1PM: If you're trying to lose

weight, make lunch (or even breakfast) the main meal of

your day—you'll burn calories more efficiently.

2—3PM: The scientifically

ACCORDING to a survey. proven post-lunch dip. It's a natural phenomenou which occurs whether you choose the three-course special or a salad. though bulk carbohydrates could make you more sleepy.

3—6PM: You start paying more attention to meaning. The

best time to study and absorb information begins now and continues through the evening 6-7PM: Your physical strength increases through the day and peaks by early eve-ning. Hit the gym straight after work, before you get a chance

7--- RPM: Last orders for alcohol. The liver still has time to get rid of it before everything slows down. 10—11PM: More sleep hor-

mone and less adrenaline is produced; heart rate, blood pressure and breathing slow down. Stay asleep as long as possible: by 3am, you have a higher chance of having an accident. If only that rampant, hormonal woman next to you Would leave you alone. Men's Health advises how to clock-on to yourself.

ducted by the Gallup organisa-tion, a majority of Americans prefer good things over bad things. Specifically, 72 per cent of poll respondents said that good things make their lives better, and bad things make their lives more "Those find their lives worse. "These find-ings are significant," said Gal-lup spokesperson Sharon Krassner-Glenn. "A large ma-



Men's Health . . . tick-tock

that they would rather experi-ence good things than have to ACCORDING to a survey con-

cess with eat things. Finis is quite intriguing." Americans generally agree on what is good and what is bad as well, Gallup revealed. Seventy-nine per cent believe that getting hit by lightning is bad, and an impressive 55 per cent shared similar feeling hit by the seventy shared similar feeling. ings about being run over by a bus. Fifty-seven per cent felt that ice cream was good, and 72 per cent agreed on the sential goodness of shoes. When asked to compare vari-ous things and actions, 64 per cent of those polled believed sniffing a posy to be better than inserting one's hand into a kiln, and 82 per cent preferred

crocheted tea cosies over execution by a Chilean death. squad. "Put in layman's terms, we tend to associate bad with things that can do us potential harm, whether mental or physical, and good with things that can benefit us in a wide variety of ways," Krasener-Glenn said. "For example, I myself happen to believe that earning \$70,000 as chief spokesperson of a major polling organisation to be a good thing, and is better

than being a slave on a Thai ... ishing dinghy, which I per-Ceive as being bad."

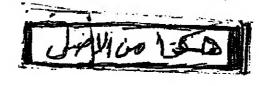
When asked if self-adminis-

tering a plaster of Paris enema was better than winning \$60,000,000,000,000,000,000 in a lottery, a surprising 22 per cent were undecided. "Money is the root of all evil," explained one respondent. "What this study means for

American society as a whole could make an entire career for sociologists and psychologists," Krassner-Glenn said. "Too bad it never will, however, because we're locking it up in a file cabinet 20 miles under the earth along with our other vital surveys such Americans' attitudes toward the wearing of legwarmers in '83." The Onion writing on prefferred goodness at www.onion.com

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# Finance Guardian

#### Mile Eye



Heat treatment . . . Fountains set among the marble of Broadgate provide a place to cool off in the August sup

'We're not talking to anyone,' insists Woolwich as disposal by top life insurer revives bid speculation

## Pru sells M&G for £1.75bn

represents surplus cash in the M&G, which it said was not part of its core life business.

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Mr Davis declined to be specific about his plans. He said

UK's largest life insurer, yesterday unveiled the £1.75 billion sale of its billion sale of its Mercantile and General reinsurance arm to Swiss Re, reigniting speculation that it is poised to make a bid for the Woolwich building society.

Prudential announced earlier this summer that it was planning a partial flotation of M&G which it said was not make the make the

ders and in recent weeks the Pru was rumoured to have tal cash proceeds of only received several offers.

Peter Davis, chief executive the flotation would have been of the Pru, said the deal was good news for the company's shareholders. "We look on it since company and its shares

The Pru has made no secret ation in October. of its desire to buy either a life assurance company or a build-ing society. It has been linked with a host of possible candidates, including the Wool-wich, the Alliance & Leicester

the financial services sector was consolidating rapidly: banks, building societies and life insurance companies were acquiring each other.
"We want to be part of that,"
be said, with a reminder that the company was poised to

takeovers within the finan-cial services industry this year and the life insurance sector has been particularly wich, the Alliance & Leicester active. The large deals in-building society and mutual clude the acquisition of Cleri-insurers Friends Provident cal and Medical by the Hali-

also been a host of smaller deals, with many others rumoured to be on the verge of completion.

John Stewart, Woolwich's

chief executive, said he was "not aware" that the building the Pru. "There is no truth in not in talks with anyone. Conversion is our top priority." Both the Woolwich and the Alliance & Leicester are preparing to convert into banks.

M&G focuses on life and
health reinsurance, a specialised form of insurance which is less volatile than general

reinsurance. It involves pro-

viding other insurers with

There are only about 10 specialist healthcare reinsurers in the world, including Cigna Re, Employers Re and Swiss Re. Prudential is understood to have received offers he said. "The Woolwich is from half a dozen of the larg-tin talks with anyone. Conply made the biggest bid.
The acquisition will make Swiss Re, the world's largest

player in the life and health reinsurance market. ployees, half of them based in the UK. Mr Davis said it was

ing on freeing up these funds so they can be properly apportioned.

brings considerable market-ing skills to the insurance in-dustry, the Prudential has recognised it will need to fight to stay in the premier league of financial service providers. Lloyds Bank was the first to exploit the changes taking place in the industry with their purchase of Cheltenham & Gloucester and the TSB merger. The Halifax has not been far behind with its absorption of quisition of Clerical Medical and the purchase of several other mortgage books. The

#### Notebook

## Speeding into premier league



Edited by Alex Brummer

TRADE sale of the Mor-cantile & General al-ways was going to offer a neater solution to the Prudential, once it had decided to would have been slower dvice was that it would have to be done in two tranches; that it may well have raised less than the £1.75 billion which will now be harvested and would have had to con-tend with market uncertain-ties not the least of which is the unfamiliarity of UK investors with the reinsurance

sence to the Prudential This vency margins are under pressure — far from it — but secause the window of opporfunity for expansion into the market through the purchase of either another life coming society is narrowing. If its chief executive, Peter Davies,

the time for a deal is ripe. The Pru has made no secre of its desire to absorb a mort-gage lender. If its targets in-clude any of the larger societies currently in the process of converting — the Woolwich, the Alliance & Laicester or the Northern Rock — it needs to act quickly. Once these societies have converted into will enjoy five bid-proof years. A building society will

give the Pru the shortcut it has desired to a presence in the personal banking sector as well as a strong alternative distribution channel to its sales force for its life, pensions and investment products. In addition to the £1.75 billion it will collect

from the Swiss Re sale, European competition authorities permitting, the Prudential shareholders and policyholders can also expect a windfall soon from the group's orphan funds — put at up to £5 billion. The Department of Trade and Industry is work.

Under Mr Davies, who

sprint to remain in the first rank of the UK's financial ser-

#### Simpson's reward

HE process by which George Simpson omerged as the next managing director of GEC may have been less ordered than was desirable, but the employed looks exemplary. and conditions of Mr Simp-son's contract to drill into the public domain, as is often the of business leadership, GEC took the important decision to make the new managing director's contract available for access to such contracts is only offered to shareholders, by appointment and often under strictly controlled conditions.
It is not, however, just the

Lords Prior and Weinstock — who were ultimately responsible for employing Mr Simpson — brought him across without compromising GEC's reputation for being as care-ful as possible with share-holders funds. The transfer fee of £500,000 seems reasonable enough given that it is simply making good on a bo-nus which Mr Simpson loses as a result of cutting short his tenure at Lucas: besides in the post-Euro 96 Alan Shearer era it could be regarded as positively stingy. Moreover, the basic salary of £600,000 looks relatively modest given some of the extravagent salaries in the boardroom of com-panies responsible for far less manufacturing employment in the UK and much more modest contributions to Britain's exports.
If, as expected, Mr Simp-

eventually, perhaps, a higher long-term bonus scheme he very rich person. However, anyone taking responsibility ain's remaining manufactur ing capacity, from turbines to avionics and sea-going defence platforms, and improvers, will deserve to be properly rewarded.

#### Lloyds's saviour

AFTER all the hype about potential insolvency, the verdict from the Baltimore courtroom effectively London to go ahead with its £3.2 billion reconstruction plan. With more than 82 per cent of Names, including some of the most injured, on board, it would have been extraordinary if the US legal system had caused the deal to founder. Nevertheless, the de-mand of US Names for full and complete disclosure of every aspect of the deal, in ac-Exchange Commission rules, considering on a voluntary basis as Lloyd's seeks to M&G reinsurance sale rebuild its reputation.

# Risk takers ---

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## Reinsurance firms are at a premium

#### Outlook

Pauline Springett 

○ WISS Re's decision to Spounce on M & G is just the latest evidence that the world reinsurance market is consolidating rapidly.

According to Philip Mar-cell, chairman of the London Insurance and Reinsurance Market (LIRMA), there may soon be no more than 10
"truly global" reinsurance
companies. Mr Marcell said
there would always be room A quick glance at statistics provided by LIRMA illus-trates the point that the rein-

surance market is shrinking Only six years ago, there were 400 syndicates at Lloyd's of London, 123 companies at LIRMA, and 118 at its rival, the Institute of London Underwriters. By the start of this year those numbers had dwindled to 167, 100 and 58, respectively.

Reinsurance is the back-

bone of the insurance market. As the name suggests, it pro-vides insurance for the insur-ance companies themselves.

trend was towards a few big passes on a proportion of that bought the US company companies.

policy to a reinsurance com- American Re for £2.1 billion. peny. All sorts of risks are reinsured, from simple motor to complicated liability and catastrophe policies. The higher the risk attached to the policy, the greater the proportion reinsured. To complicate matters further, reinsurers also reinsure each

This summer has been punctuated by a series of takeover deals in the sector as the leading players jockey for position. The largest deals in-clude the announcement that the huge US reinsurer General Re was planning to buy its rival National Re. Earlier for the smaller niche players An insurance company issues its rival National Re. Earlier will sti but that the overwhelming the policy to the client then this month, Munich Re comes."

Mr Marcell said that 10 years ago it was considered satisfactory for a reinsurer to have around £5 million of capital behind it. These days, he said, companies need a mini-mum of around £45 million in order just to start business. Small companies are

cause many reinsurers have gone bust in recent years, he said. "What a reinsurer does is promise to pay in five, 10 or 15 years time. Which means that the successful reinsurers are those whose coffers are big enough to ensure they will still exist when pay day

## New GEC boss beats Weinstock's salary Treasury set to turn London

. . . but aspects of George Simpson's package are frugal, writes ROGER COWE

Bource: Standard & Poor

EORGE SIMPSON, the of the engineering group for new managing director two and a half years. following a carser in the car new managing director of GEC, will be paid more than his predecessor, Lord Weinstock, who will step down at next Friday's annual meeting after 33 years

in an unusual move, the electronics giant yesterday revealed Mr Simpson's contract, which provides for a £500,000 per annum basic salary — £50,000 more than Lord Weinstock's salary for last year as revealed in the annual

mr Simpson's pay may be increased each year, but can-

Mr Simpson will also receive a "signing-on fee" of private mileage,
He will also have to pay for
his membership of GEC's
Bupa private health scheme. £500,000 as compensation for losing out on the long-term bonus scheme at Lucas.

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The rest of Mr Simpson's contract is broadly in line with common executive practice in the wake of the Greenbury requirements. But it shows some signs of

GEC's frugality.

For example, Mr Simpson will get a car appropriate to his status, plus the services of a chauffeur. But unlike even middle managers in many companies, Mr Simpson will be required to pay for his own private mileage.

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handling the sale of Rover to

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may reasonably be required" to properly perform his duties. But he is not allowed to

have outside directorships, which means he has to resign. posts at Pilkington and ICL If the GEC remuneration committee considers that he has performed well, however, and if the GEC share price rises, he will receive much more than his £600,000 a year. An annual bonus worth up to half his salary can be awarded by the remuneration committee each year. Half of that will be paid in

In addition, and in common with most large companies, Mr Simpson will be awarded share options and 'phantom' shares" as part of a long-term incentive scheme.

Options may be granted up to the value of four times his basic salary, while the long-term scheme can also pay out up to that \$24 million after four ways. four years — but only if

On top of what the contract describes as "normal working hours", he will be required to work "such further time as least 10 per cent. GEC will pay into a trust fund for Mr Simpson's pension a sum up to £620,000 a

year for a maximum of five

The contract is for an initial period of three years, after which 12 months' notice is required from either side Unlike Lord Weinstock, who stens down at the age of almost 72, Mr Simpson will be required to retire from the age of 60, in six years' time.
John Gilbert of the Monks Partnerhsip said the contract was in line with common UK practice and that the £500,000 initial payment was the sort of sum that had to be paid if a

GEC was "simply doing what is necessary" to recruit the right person, he said. "It is simply doing what is necessary to recruit some body whom the company be lieves is the right person," he

company wanted somebody

who was part of an incentiv

#### Nice little earner. e's new Job iet GEC

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# home into flats for wealthy

Sarah Ryle and lan King

HE Treasury confirmed last night it is set to sign a deal to redevelop its prime White-hall site which could include multi-million pound

luxury apartments.

The deal is being set up under the much-maligned private finance initiative. Two rival bidders for the listed building in Great George Street will shortly be told which plan has won Treasury approval and the chance to offer the ultimate in London addresses to the

If the flats get the go-ahead, a handful of residents will enjoy views over St James' Park rivalled only by The Queen at the other end of The Mall.
It could follow the New
York trend where the decislop to turn the Stock Exchange into condiminiums has given people top

anger about the sell-off of public assets on the cheap. Much of the £200 million capital cost of the project could be quickly recouped, according to estimates by specialist estate agents Knight Frank. The agency estimated that top-quality flats with long leases in such a prime location would sell for about £2.5 million each at today's

The rival bidders are led by Stuart Lipton and God-frey Bradman, two of Britain's most controversial property developers, whose companies worked together on the Ludgate and Broadgate schemes — among Lon-don's biggest-ever office reputation is tarnished, beprojects — in the 1980s.

Thought to be in pole po-

sition is Mr Lipton, whose company, Stanhope Proper-ties, was recently bought out by British Land. He heads a consortium including Bovis, the construction of the floorspace.

The Treasury is keen to group owned by P&O, mersee the £200 million bid chant bank Hambros, propcompleted but risks fresh erty consultants Chesterton and architect Sir Norman Foster.
The rival Whitehall Cor-

poration is led by Mr Brad-

man, former chief executive of Rosehaugh, which collapsed four years ago under a mountain of debts. But Mr Bradman, who has also been involved this year in planning developments at London's Paddington and White City, received a blow last month when Haslemere Estates. the property group, pulled out of the consortium.

A leading property analyst said last night: 'They're both still capable of sourcing the finance, cause they both went bust."
Until now, bids for the
Treasury building were expected to focus on office development alongside the which occupy just one half

### Could Asda saviour answer the Conservative election call?

# **Archie** takes a step back

Roger Cowe

RCHIE NORMAN, the man credited with the revival of the supermarket group Asda, yes-terday signalled his inten-tion to step back from the day-to-day management. possibly in preparation for a political career.

The 42-year-old chief ex-ecutive will take over from outgoing chairman Patrick Gillam at the end of the year, but does not yet know how much time he will devote to the company.

priority but could not comment on his political ambitions. He has been an approved Conservative parliamentary candidate for several years, and was mooted as a potential MP for Harrogate and other seats in Yorkshire, where

He will be full-time until the end of the year and he may well continue full-time after that", the spokes-woman said. "It depends on the needs of the business." Mr Norman will be suc-ceeded by Allan Leighton, the former marketing di-rector who has been deputy chief executive since April last year. He will take over as chief executive immediately after the company's annual shareholder meeting on September 11, when Mr Norman becomes chair-man designate.

The City reacted to the announcement with some nervousness and the company's shares fell by 4p to 115.5p. But most observers regarded the move as a natural progression, unlikely to disturb Asda's progress. "The market has not been

expecting Archie to hang around indefinitely," one analyst commented. "I

coming rather boring for Archie — but this is not a bad arrangement. It means Asda still has access to his skills."

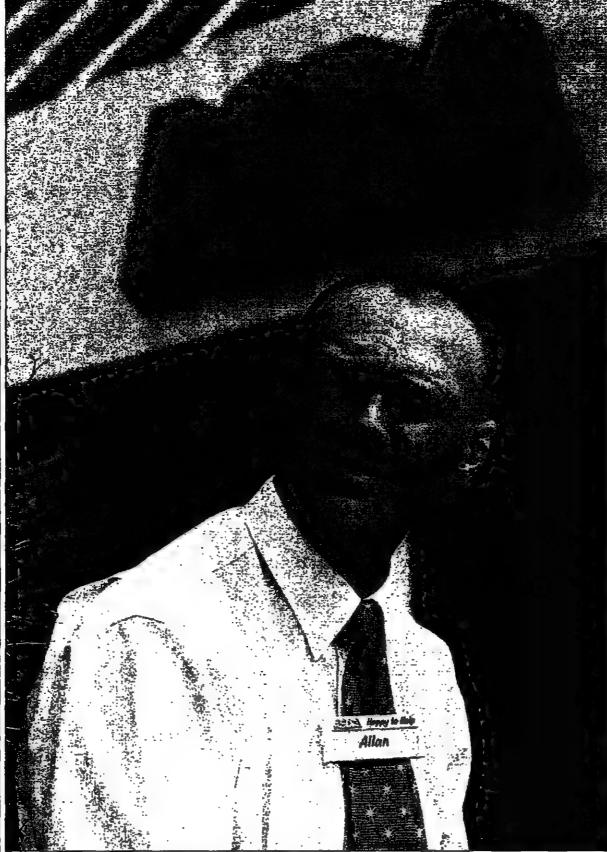
The current chairman, Patrick Gillam, said the move signalled the completion of Asda's recovery.
"After five years of comprehensive change in Asda's organisation and trading format and the development of a complete new team, the task of rebuilding Asda is complete," he said. Asda paid tribute to Mr Gillam, who organised a fi-nancial restructuring after A spokeswoman said 1991. He also recruited Mr Asda would remain his top Norman, who was financial Norman, who was financial director of the Woolworths and B&Q group, Kingfisher. He previously had a high-flying career at con-sultants McKinsey.

Under this leadership team, Asda has emerged as a serious competitor to the supermarket leaders, Sainsbury and Tesco. Mr Norman's strategy has been to revert to a cheap and cheerful stance, targeting families in the North and Midiande

He has pursued that strategy with the help of high-profile, populist campaigns against price main-tenance and the taxing of share option profits for ordinary employees. He paints himself and his comany as champions of the

Mr Norman has also hit the headlines because of his pay packet. Lest year, he pocketed more than £8 million after cashing in share options, on top of £548,000 in salary and bonus Asda is embroiled in a

battle with the Office of Fair Trading over the price of vitamins and drugs. It wants to increase the numstores and to be allowed to cut prices of non-prescrip-



Taking over ... Allan Leighton, who will succeed Archie Norman as chief executive of Asda after the annual shareholder meeting next week

News in brief

Caradon clear-out

to bring in £200m

CARADON, the heating and plumbing group, is to sell most of its engineering and distribution businesses as part of a strategy to concentrate on its main building materials operations. It

businesses which should be completed by the end of the year.
Chief executive Peter Jansen said the company has no plans to sell its US cheque printing business, which he described as "highly cash generative and a centre of excellence for the

group". But Caradon is expected to dispose of motor industry operations, possible investing the proceeds in building industry acquisitions. — Bloomberg

Microsoft duo reduce stake

MECROSOFT'S co-founders, Bill Gates and Paul Allen, are planning to sell up to 500,000 shares each in a move which could raise about \$124 million (\$82.6 million). However their decision is unlikely to spark off widespread dumping of the stock which hit a record share price of \$125.25 earlier this month.

Both executives have reduced their Microsoft stakes in the past as part of their financial planning and analysts believe that the

latest sales are more of the same.

Mr Allen is the largest shareholder after Mr Gates who owns
53 million shares. — Nicholas Banutster

Compass circles US caterers

SHARES of Compess, Britain's biggest contract catering group, jumped 7½p to 556½p yesterday after the company said it was buying Service America, a contract catering business owned by GE Capital, for £77.1 million.

Compass, which will make a \$6.5 million charge against profits

to reflect the acquisition, said the deal covered Service America's

expects to raise almost £200 million from the buy-out of 15

## SFA punishes Barings directors

London bosses failed to act with 'care and diligence'

Patrick Donorum City Editor

 HREE former directors of Barings Bank were yesterday stripped of the right to work in the investment industry for periods of up to three years, after the Securities and Futures Authority determined that they had failed "to act with due skill, care and diligence" prior to the bank's collapse. The SFA's decision to disci-

pline George Maclean, Anthony Hawes and Anthony Gamby follows a lengthy investigation into why the bank failed to notice the disastrous derivative deals by "rogue trader" Nick Leeson, which eventually brought down Barchant bank, with losses of more than £860 million.

It brings to five the number of Barings directors reprimanded over the affair. Chief executive Peter Norris and di-rector Geoffrey Broadhurst have already had their SFA registrations suspended for up to three years. The conclusions of investigations into four other directors are still

pending.
The SFA said yesterday that Anthony Hawes, former group treasurer of Baring Securities. has been struck off the SFA register for at least three years. He was ordered to pay \$10,000 legal costs.

ne City regulator added: "Between April 1993 and 24 February 1995, Mr Hawes failed properly to understand, | don Stock Exchange.

ARCLAYS and NatWest

are being sued in the American courts over

allegations that they at-

tempted to drive a rival cur-

rency exchange dealer out of Chequepoint Worldcash, a

small privately-held US com-

pany which specialises in cur-

rency changing and interna-

tional money transfers, is claiming that both banks in-

fringed US anti-trust law and

is claiming unspecified

According to the lawsuit,

Barclays suddenly stopped

doing business with Cheque-

Patrick Donovan

It continued: "Mr Hawes was one of those responsible for giving assurances to Si-mer (the Singapore trading authority) in a letter of 10 February 1995." The assur-ances "assumed that the manner in which the switching business was funded and monitored was adequate" --an assumption which was

"without foundation".
George Maclean, head of the banking group of Baring Investment Bank, had his ing Investment Bank, was

control and reconcile the provision of margin to Baring for two years and was ordered (Futures) Singapore or to ensure that this was done."

SFA registration suspended for two years and was ordered to pay £10,000 costs.

The SFA said that Simes

had raised queries regarding the business of BFS in 1995 and Mr Maclean had been one of those responsible for comsurances given were "without any reasonable foundation." said the SFA. Mr Maclean failed to take "any proper steps to satisfy himself that those assurances were prop-

tion with the SFA has been suspended for a year. He must pay 25,000 towards the SFA's

The City watchdog said that Mr Gamby accepts that it was the responsibility of the settlements department with treasury and financial coning requests received from BFS were properly under stood and reconciled.
"Substantial and increas

ing amounts were remitted to BFS which were not recon-

#### Bank 'heavyweight' overcomes Leeson rebukes to join Nomura's struggle for European business

BRIAN Quinn, who was head of banking super-vision at the Bank of England when Nick Leeson brought down Barings, is to join Nomura, the Japanese financial institution, as non-executive chairman, writes Patrick Donovan.

The appointment of such a heavyweight City name represents a coup for No-mura, which has been struggling hard to establish itself as a leading player in the European financial markets. The Japanese bank recently has been forced to scale back its equity research capacity because of falling market share of trading on the Lon-

intervened to block Cheque-

point from establishing a

It alleges that the British banks have used irregular

means to try to limit competi-

tion within the currency ex-

The suit was filed last week, citing US laws which prohibit

companies from attempting to

stifle legitimate commercial

competition. Chequepoint's

lawyers, Miller, Canfield.

Paddock and Stone were last night unavailable for

Both banks yesterday said

that the lawsuit will be

A spokesman for NatWest

confirmed that the summons

change market.

point in May 1395 and then had been received and would

relationship with NatWest.

The 59-year-old Mr Brian Quinn's interna-Quinn, who recently tional prominence," said retired after more than 20 Hitoshi Tonomura, chairears at the Bank of Engand, came under criticism

last year after the Barings collapse. The merchant bank had overstepped Bank of England regulations governing how much money a UK bank can transfer overseas, although at the time noth-ing had been done about it. Mr Quinn will initially

work alongside Andreas Prindl, who has been chair man since 1989. But he is scheduled to take over sole control after Mr Prindl retires next year.
"We are delighted to have "We are delighted to have that report to the Bank of appointed someone of England.

into further details.
But the lawsuit is likely to

involve relatively small sums

compared to the assets of both

British banks. Chequepoint,

which is the American sub-

sidiary of Capital Currency Exchange which is based in the Netherlands Antilles, is

understood to have net assets

of around \$60 million

The parent company has 180 branches in the US and

operations in 10 countries

across Europe and Asia. It is

best known for operating 24-

hour klosks offering currency

exchange services which are predominately aimed at the

Banking analysts vesterday

tourist market.

Barclays and NatWest sued in US

man of Nomura's European management committee.

"His unparalleled experience makes him a natural successor in this rule," he

An economist, Mr Quinn came to the Bank of England from the International Monetary Fund, where he specialised in African

As the head of banking supervision and surveil lance, Mr Quinn was res ponsible for monitoring the financial health of the more than 500 banks in the UK

said there was some "poten-tial overlap" in the commer cial operations of Barclays

NatWest and Chequepoint. However, one added: "The

sums involved here are pea-nuts compared to the resources of NatWest and

Barclays.
"These are after all huge in

ternational banks and their operations are quite different

to those of Chequepoint ever

though they may be compet-ing to some extent in the for-

eign exchange market. And

even here, Chequepoint

would seem to be addressing

a completely different marke

segment as they offer round-the-clock services, predomi-nately aimed at the tourist

#### food service operations but not its recreation division. The business employs nearly 13,000 staff, has over 7,000 custom ers throughout the US, but reported losses of 58.3 million in its latest full year accounts. — *Ion King*

United looks north UNITED News & Media is to sell its local newspapers in Wales and the South-east so it can focus on its primary areas in the north

The group's main titles include the Yorkshire Post, Yorkshire Evening Post and the Sheffield Star plus the Lancashire Evening Post. It also operates one of the north's leading newspaper print-

ing centres at Broughton near Preston.
United Provincial Newspapers, the company's regional newspaper division, is the third largest regional publisher in the UK. included in the sale will be: UPN South East, which includes 28 separate free weekly newspapers in London and the surrounding area, and UPN South Wales, which has a portfolio of 19 free and paid-for titles, including the daily South Wales Argus. — Reuter

#### Nappy-maker changes hands PRENCH nappy-maker Psaudouce will be part of an asset swap-ping deal between Sweden's Svenska Cellulosa forestry company and Kimberly-Clark of the United States. The deal will give

Swenska 16 per cent of the British tissue market.

Under the terms of the swap, Kimberly will take Psaudouce from Svenska which, in turn, will be given Kimberly's Purchoe tissue factory in Britain. — Bloomberg

#### **Boost for American economy** NEW evidence that the American economy is gaining strength emerged yesterday as consumer coulidance levels hit a six-vear

The rise in the Conference Board's index, the second in a row racked expectation of a July decline and renewed speculation about the need to restrain inflation with an interest rate rise Although the index was strong, the data's overall impact was hit by weaker optimism about job prospects. — Sorah Ryle

## New 'open skies' storm shakes BA

threw the planned al liance between British Airways and American Airlines into jeop-ardy when if unexpectedly cancelled "open skies" talks aimed at opening the trans-stlantic airline market to free

The decision, which sur-prised both BA and Ameri-can, came after American transport officials accused Britain's latest proposals of being an "madequate" basis The talks, which reopened

in July, were due to resume today in Washington, but after a US Department of Transportation official said Transportation official said the UK position fell "far short" of American expectations, British negotiators did not even bother packing their bags. Without an "open skies" agreement, the planned alliance between the two strlines — which many see as a precursor to a full merger — would collapse, leaving BA boss Bob Ayling's blueprint for the airline's

future in tatiers.

American said it was "surprised and disappointed", adding: "We hope that his delay is a temporary one."

"It's bluff and counterbluff." said Chris Partridge, an

airline consultant with Avmark International in Loudon. The stakes are very high, and both sides want to be seen to be getting a result."

BA shares skidded 9p to 521p on the news. While BA. and American want to merge operations by next April, the main area of dispute is the American government's in-sistance that US carriers be

fly in the lucrative US domes-tic market, a right given so far in only limited form to BA

However, US officials indi-cated yesterday that the talks were broader than the right to greater Heathrow access. The US wants so-called "be-yond" rights for its carriers to fly on from London to mar-kets like Europe and Asia. The US maintains it al-

rasdy gives all foreign carri-ers the right to fly on to mar-kets outside its borders. But Britain claims the American continent is so large it should be considered a "beyond" market of its own.

Last night, Britain's De-partment of Transport said that while it was surprised at the cancellation of the talks, it was planning fresh proposals to put to the Americans. The view from London is that this is only a hiccup in a long running saga and that the talks will soon be resumed.

industry analysts said the postponement of talks was worrying for both companies.

They said that if BA failed to conclude its pact with American, it would fall behind in the global market battle as many other carriers have already formed alliances.

BA says around half of its passengers between London and the US are connections from other flights, but that it is losing some of them to hubs such as Frankfurt, which is controlled by the Lumbansa-United alliance. American has said it might renew alliance talks with Air France if the BA pact is blocked.

A new "open skies" ment across the Atlantic would be a strong election fillip for President Clinton, but he has to belance that against the growing opposition to the given greater access to Heath-BA alliance among other row. Britain, meanwhile, American carriers.

## Boeing hires 5,000 to lift jet production

Diffing is to hire more than 5,000 extra sizing than originally planned this year in a move that will boost monthly production of its 177 jet by 40 per tent, writes Keith Harper.

The world's largest come.

The world's largest com-merical planemaker will in-crease total staff to 118,250 by the end of the year, reflecting

About 9,800 new employees will work at the company's Washington state facilities, while a further 3,300 will be taken on at Wichtes, Kans

This reflects Boeing's confidence in the best selling 777,

competitor, to increase sales of its A340, Both compenies are expected to promote their own triumphs at the Farnbor-

ough Air Show next week. Boeing said that by July of leading sirines as they next year, monthly produc-move out recession. from five to seven. Introduced last year, the 777 can carry between 305 to 440 passen-gers, depending on seat con-figuration. It has an order backlog of 245 for the jet. Airbus is looking at a num-

which has quickly become a popular aircraft with the world's airlines. British Airways is taking delivery of race for bigger aircraft.



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# Wasim exposes the chasm

In essence this pair have that English bowlers must cruss before they can compete with the best in the last in the nete with the best in the world, it came late on Monhad taken 286 wickets in appeared. Tests and, with two more So let u English batsmen there for the taking, was keen to get the 300 done and dusted.

From round the wicket he ent a full length ball snorting towards the outside edge of Robert Croft's left pad and the batsman. sensing runs, shaped to glance it to fine leg. It was in the last 10 feet that it happened.

Suddenly the ball began to swerve sharply towards the off, snaked past Croft's bat and, if his right pad had not intercepted it, would have lifted the middle stemp from the ground. How they are the ground. the ground. How the umpire Mervyn Kitchen failed to grant the appeal will remain a mystery. The delivery, quite simply, was unplayable and wyond the means of any Eng-

land bowler to produce.

A batsman has less than A Gataman has less than two-fifths of a second to react to anything bowled at upwards of 85mph but, when the ball does not start to deviate until it is beyond the point where a normal length ball would pitch, there is abso-

lutely no time to respond.

With the scuffed old ball
Wasim can bowl these virtually at will, and so can Wagar Yourns. That is why they be-come increasingly dangerous as they press for a win into the day, because the older the half the more they can do

last month and at The Oval on world, it came late on Mon-day afternoon. Wasim Akram ble exhibitions they may have

So let us salute two truly great fast bowlers and a spin-ner to match. Until England find bowlers who can compete with these, winning consis-tently against the best sides

tently against the best sides on pitches of Test match quality will be beyond them.

This summer has been one of disappointment in the quest for an attack that will trouble Australia's batting less than a year from now. Cork's decline has removed the one cutting edge the side possessed, while Lewis degenerated from being the most successful bowler against India to the most hapless against Pakistan.

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As Wasim pointed out, Caddick would surely have been a better bet at The Oval, al-though the Pakistan captain has played in enough disjointed sides to understand that there are more things to the making of a team than ability alone.

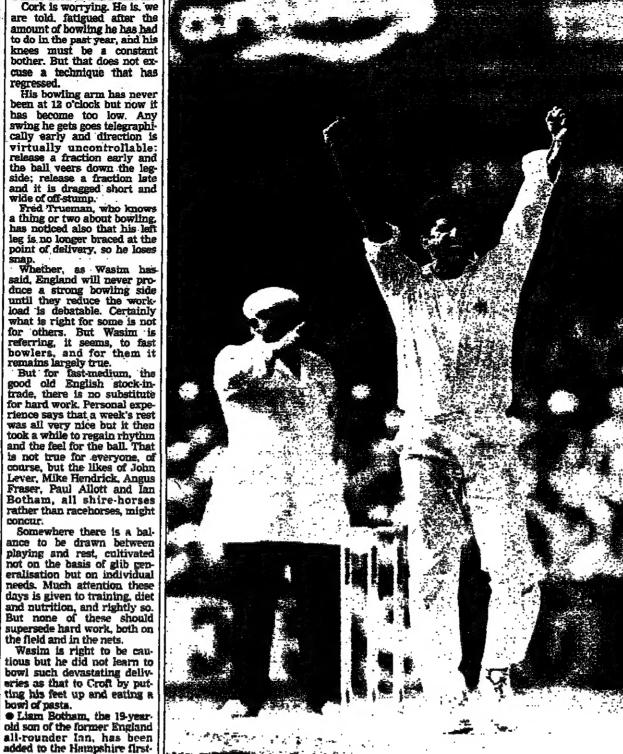
The only plus point has been the emergence of Mullally. He got into the side under somewhat false pretences, as a left-armer who moved the ball into the right-hander, and the fact that he is still waiting for his first leg-before decision of the first-class summer says all that needs to be said about that. However, his temperament is excellent and he lent control, gaining wickets by virtue of attrition.

rather than racehorses, might Somewhere there is a balance to be drawn between playing and rest, cultivated not on the basis of glib gen-eralisation but on individual needs. Much attention these days is given to training, diet and nutrition, and rightly so. But none of these should supersede hard work, both on the field and in the nets.

Wasim is right to be cautious but he did not learn to bowl such devastating deliveries as that to Croft by putting his feet up and eating a bowl of pasta.

Liam Botham, the 19-year

old son of the former England all-rounder Inn, has been added to the Hampshire firstteam squad for today's championship match against Middiesex at Portsmouth, The captain John Stephenson and Kevan James are the county's



## Cecil keen to make his mark with Bosra

Chris Hawkins

OSRA Sham versus Mark Of Esteem, the two Guineas winners, is a mouth-watering prospect and there now appears every chance that they will meet in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot on September 28.

Henry Cecil reports that Bosra Sham, who has been off the course since winning the 1,000 Guineas, has fully recovered from a recurrent foot

"She's doing gallops proper and is going very well," said Cecil yesterday. "The plan is to go to Ascot and we'd like to take on Mark Of Esteem."

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The latter, once with Cecil but now with Saeed bin Suror, narrowly won the 2,000 Guineas and after disappointing at Royal Ascot came back to his best at Cooperated an to his best at Goodwood on

to his best at Goodwood on Saturday.

The offical ratings make Mark Of Esteem 11lb better than Bosra Sham and indeed the Godolphin colt is the toprated miler in Europe, being 5lb clear of the Sussex Stakes winner First Island.

Cecil had no positive news

Cecil had no positive news of Lady Carla and says he is "feeling his way" with his facile Epsom Oaks winner who missed last week's Yorkshire Oaks because of a sore back.
"The plan with her is to go for the St Leger but we'll have

to wait a bit longer before being definite and see how she is." he commented. The last filly to win the Doncaster Classic was User Friendly in 1992 but before that Cecil saddled Oh So Sharp to complete the fillies'

The four-day suspension picked up by Frankie Dettori at Deauville on Sunday will not count in the Jockey Club's

procedure. This means that in the category of irresponsible riding Dettori's cumulative score is eight days so far this season. After 12 days and another of-fence he would automatically be out for a fortnight.

Under the totting-up rule, Jason Weaver faces the minimum 14-day ban if found guilty when he appears before the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee this morning at an inquiry into his riding of Sonderise at Pontefract.

Rumours that Goodwood racecourse is set to buy Plumpton and Fontwell have been denied by Isidore Kerman, who controls the popular Sussex jumping tracks.

get their hands on the courses," said Kerman. "But I cannot confirm that any recent approach has been Rod Fabricius, clerk of the

course at Goodwood, said: "We would have aspirations if Fontwell came on the market but as far as I'm aware it At Brighton this afternoon

the course and distance winner Roman Reel (2.50) can return to form in the Ditchl-

ing Claiming Stakes.

Newlands Corner (4.20),
trained by John Akehurst,
carries the nap. This filly has a 71b penalty for an impres-sive Salisbury victory over 17 rivals last week but still looks reasonably treated in the Arthur Borrow King Memo-

#### Trainer McCormack calls it a dav

ATT McCormack, who sent out Horage to win just to break even. I've got the 1983 St James's Palace 22 horses but three of them Stakes from his small stable at Sparsholt, is getting out of racing after 40 years in the game, writes Chris Hawkins.

McCormack, 56, commented: "I've got a few quid put aside and I'm damned if I'm going to surrender that trying to buy horses for owners who

aren't there. "It's sad, but racing is a waste of time for the small around £15,000 to have a

I own myself and most of them are no bloody good." McCormack learned his trade with Cecil Boyd-Rochfort, Bernard van Cutsem and Noel Murless before moving to Peter Walwyn where he was as-sistant head-lad and rode

Grundy in all his work.
"If you weren't careful he'd cart you to Wantage in five minutes," recalled Mc-Cormack of the brilliant litman these days. It costs the colt who won the Epsom Derby, Irish Derby and

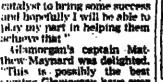
GIAMORGAN best some for the more fashionable countries to sign the Pakistan pace bowler Wagar Younis on a reported £200,000, two-year contract. Wagar said: "They seem a very ambitious club with winne very good players and with a clear idea of how I would fit into their plans.
"I am sure all they need is a

and hopefully I will be able to play my part in helping them scheve that " tilamorgan's captain Matthese Maynard was delighted.
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2.15 (2m 41 110 yds HdBs): 1, KNUCK-LEBUSTER, A P McCoy (1-2 lav): 2, Ragad Gem (11-2); 2, Seven Walls (50-1), 7 rd. 8, B. (P Hobbs) Tots: 21,70; 21,30, 51,70, Dual F: 12.50, CSF: 13.46. THE last two races were abandoned at Ripon yester-day after torrential rain waterlogged the course. The parade ring and enclo-sures were turned into lakes

o. N. Y. TOURDY (1018: 2.176, 2.136, 2.146).
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a creditable fourth behind fixing Colours in the one mile Prix Quincey at Deauville vesterilay.

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Rising lowers Royal colours Philosopher. Dettori had earlier finished

## What price the touch of Graham?

Martin Thorpe on a feasible marriage of convenience at City

O George Graham could finally be back in football. Two months after the expiry of his year-long ban, the phone may at last ring with the offer of the sort of quality

But how would the City fans react to any Graham ap-pointment in the wake of the hungs scandal that ended his days of managing Arsenal, not to mention his reputation for producing teams that play boring football — baggage the manager would bring with

"I don't think that would be a problem," says Dave Wala problem, says Lave wal-lace, the editor of the fanzine. King of the Kippax and for-merly the fans' representative on the club board. "We'd be happy to be bored for a couple of years if we could set back to of years if we could get back up there and start challenging again. We need a big name, someone everybody respects someone with a track record we can trust and who can attract the top players."



constant battles against rele-gation under their past two managers Alan Ball and

How juicy then the prospect of employing a manager with such an impercable track re-cord as Graham at Arsenal two league titles, a Cup Win-ners' Cup win, an FA Cup and two League Cup triumphs. He also led Millwall up to the old Second Division in 1985, the division in which City find hemselves now.

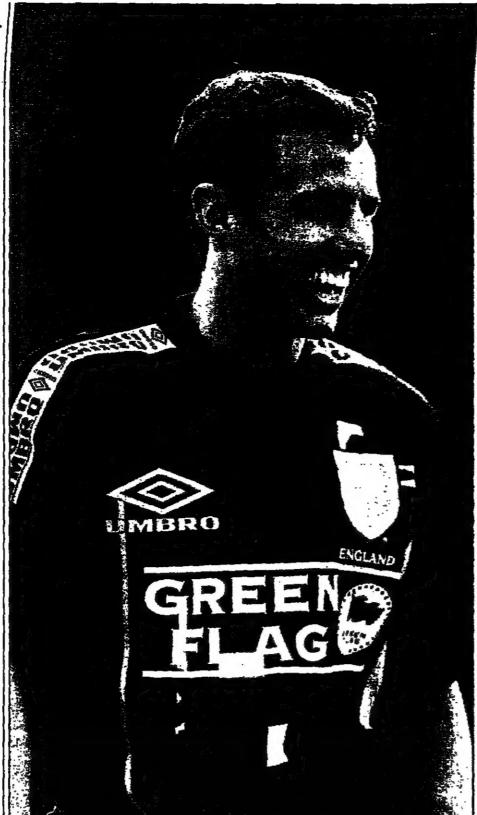
If Graham is perfect for City, the reverse is also true. He knows from the lack of high-quality approaches that it is going to be difficult to return at the level he left return at the level he left.

Equally Graham's pride and self-worth would prevent him taking any old job. So City's reputation, their large support and scope for rebuilding are big enough to meet the Scot's requirements.

One area that would need early clarification is job demarcation. The chairman including, it is understood stepping too close to team matday, has allegedly entered the dressing-room at half-time to gee up the side and was in the pre-season team picture. Gra-ham would stand none of that. They would have to get an

understanding straight away," says Wallace. "That the chairman takes a back seat and becomes a chairman and he's there just for advice if George would want it.
Maybe he would not be so
reluctant to do that with someone as big as George

One thing is almost certain: the individualists in the team such as Georgion Kinkladze are unlikely to last long under Graham, one of whose mottos is "I do not like stars get their hands dirty".



Laughing it off . . . Gareth Southgate makes light of the past at Bisham Abbey

## Southgate's sense of history reveals leadership qualities

David Lacey finds the articulate England defender looking confidently forward after his recent spot of bother at Wembley

ARETH Southgate is | but it made me feel that I'm probably no more a fortunate to be doing what I Marrist than he is a am doing." marksman, so the thought of history repeating itself as French farce in the 1998 World Cup is unlik dog the Aston Villa defender as England play their opening

has forgotten, is the Man Who Missed Liberty Valance. That is to say he failed to score with England's sixth penalty in the European Champion-ship semi-final at Wembley, leaving Andreas Möller to do

the business for Germany.
While one's own feeling is that the opportunities passed up by Darren Anderton and Paul Gescoigne to win the match for England in suddendeath overtime were the more culpable failures, Southgate inevitably became the focal point of the country's disap-pointment; but not, to the country's credit, its

grieved letter following the late night rioting in Trafalgar Square which the fateful penalty had unwittingly pro-voked. It read: "I've got to ap-pear in court. It should be

Southgate would have replied had he known the anthor's address; maybe the writer was uncertain where his next address might be. The 1,000-odd letters and faxes the player has received have been almost totally sympathetic, which has help

The reaction I got from everybody in the country has been fantastic," Southwate explained on rejoining England this week. "It can never change the way I was feeling at the time or the way I still

Stuart Pearce, whose miss in the 1990 World Cup semi-final shoot-out with West Germany in Turin had set the precedent for what happened at Wembley on June 26, experienced a similar reaction from the public. "He suddenly realised that there was more to life than what happened in that you had to put things into perspective."

Pearce's fierce triumpha-lism after he had scored with his penalty against Germany in Euro 96 suggested that he was not thinking of perspecwas not thinking of perspec-tives at that moment. Never-theless Southgate prefers to take the philosophical view. "A setback in life can spur-you on," he observed, "You can shrivel up and sit in a

corner and mope about it or you can push sheed and try to do something about the the way forward and most of

"I hope I'll be given the op-portunity to do that with Eng-land, Much as I'd like to alter what happened at the end of considers such thoughts a lit-the summer, I can't do that. I the premature. But the way

"There are players who requirely take penalties for their clubs. I'm not an expert at it at all. But I'll probably practise penalties a bit more than I did and, faced with a similar of the state of th situation. I would have to

Before this could ever be come even a remote possibil-ity England first have to reach the 1996 World Cup and then qualify for the knork-out stage in a 32-nation tourna-ment. So Southgate can be reasonably sure that history has not got it in for him, even if fate did threaten to double-deal Pearle after a six-year

Southgate's immediate aim must be to capitalise on a succassful European Champion-ship which suggested that, having proved his versatility under Terry Venables, he is ready-made for the three-man must help his cause.

mioy being able to create from defence. It's certainly our Premiership teams are

Some even see Southente av a future England captain He

the summer, I can't do that. I can only show people it hasn't the premature. But the way the player has handled "the incident", as he calls it, suggests he has the right temperand for Villa in their opening pre-sesson fixture at Walsall. "It was the first time I'd heen in front of the public since the semi-final. I was conscious of the fact that everybody was asking: Is he going to cromble?"

Where Villa were awarded a penalty against Derby County on Saturday Southgate found himself in "the ridiculous situation of the whole of the likely Hoddle will have to nimeelf in "the ridiculous sit-uation of the whole of the ground chanting my name. There was never any inten-tion of me taking the kick.

Tommy Johnson did that.

First Division: Crystal Palace 0, West Bromwich Albion 0

## No star turn at the new Palace

Martin Thorpe

■WO teams with Pre miership aspirations produced neither the required inspiration nor perspiration last night in a col-ourless exhibition of very average football which, repeated, should ensure their First Division status.

ton of these clubs that their supporters expect, rather than hope for, a higher level of football. Albion's memories of the Premiership may be more hazy than Palace's but are no less alluring for that. Last season was an up-andDave Bassett took over as Palace's manager they came with a late burst that took them all the way to the play-off final Albion started well but froze during the winter, losing 11 eames on the trot before a spring recovery took them to

mid-table. One point from their first two games this season offered Albion little new optimism. Palace had also lost their first urday, yet despite their new Bayern Munich-lookalike strip they too hardly gave the appearance of promotion contenders in a tepid opening

Highlights of a forgettable get a hand to before the ball

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but in different ways. After | 45 minutes comprised Dyer's Taylor rather than shoot.

header just over from Roberts' free-kick, and a fine block by Palace's new keeper Day at the other end after Quinn's error let in Sneekes who would have done better to pull the ball back for

Given the general lack of action, some harsh words must have been spoken in the half-time dressing rooms and they produced an immediate response. A minute after the break Roberts, on the left, fired a ball into the Albion area which Ndah met with s smart swivel and shot that the visitors' veteran goal-

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cannoned off the post. Palace were beginning to put one or two sweet passing sequences together but it did not take long for the quality of the football to subside as general ineptitude prevailed

once more. Promising moves regularly foundered on a mistake by one player or another, a poor pass, a piece of mis-control or a shot fatally delayed. The crowd were totally underhelmed, and no one could blame them.

for ending his international run AUL McGRATH, ciub has been told. Fortuna dropped by the Republic Cologne want a transfer fee

Dropped McGrath blames Villa

World Cup tie in Liechten stein on Saturday, is pre pared to leave the Premiership to resurrect his

international career. The 36-year-old defender holds a record 82 Irish caps and has been ever-present for 11 years, but Aston Villa have kept him on the bench so far this season. "I need to be playing first-team football," he said yesterday. "I'd be prepared to drop to a lower level just

to keep playing." Unless Mikkel Beck is free to play for Middles-brough by Saturday they will cancel the 23-year-old Danish international strik-

er's contract, his former

option on Beck. Middles-brough regard him as a free agent under the Bosman ruling and refuse to pay.

Jimmy Thomson of win-less Raith Rovers yesterday became Scotland's first managerial casualty. Raith's first two defeats, away to Rangers and Celtic, were predictable but Saturday's 3-0 home defeat by Motherwell scaled his fate.

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#### **Hendry doubt gives Brown** cause for World Cup concern

CRAIG BROWN must have established a record yesterday when he assembl Scotland World Cup squad which showed only two with-drawals from an original party of 22. But the manager refused to tempt providence by celebrating, as Colin Hendry may yet lift the total

There is some concern over the Blackburn defender, who had a scan on a trouble groin injury yesterday. He will join the group in Glasgow today, 24 hours before their departure for Saturday's opening qualifying match against Austria in Vienna.

Scotland after a two-year absence and will form a frontmer Rangurs team-mate Ally McCoist. But Hendry, a stalwart at the heart of the defence, worries Brown most. "Colin would have had the

scan on Monday but it was a holiday in England and it was left until today," said Brown. "He thinks he will be okay, as he has been playing through weeks. But we are not counting on anything until he gets here and we are able to ossess

the situation properly."
On the horizon for Scotland are matches against Austria. Sweden, Belarus, Latvia and Estonia which will make France in 1998 a difficult des-Duncan Ferguson, the Ever-tim striker, is recalled by winners assured of a place. tination with only the group

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Rugby League

#### Broncos pass the Academy test with Salter selection

Paul Fitzpetrick

ARICHLY encouraging sea-Broncos gained further merit marks yesterday when Mat-thew Saltar was named in the Great Britain Academy squad This is the first season the

London club have run an Academy under-19 side and meaning unner-19 side and they were warned that they could find themselves in deep waters. Salter's inclusion is testimony to how successfully the London the London youngsters have coped.
It also highlights Salter's

rapid development. The 6ft 4in, 17st prop has been selected on the evidence of only 10 games, including an outstanding performance in a recent victory over Wigan.

"I cannot believe how well it has all gone," says Salter, forward has been linked with who comes from an exciusively rugby union back- recent weeks.

ground which includes a number of appearances in Blackheath's first team. Salford's Nathan McAvoy will captain the aquad. The tall, try-scoring centre admit ted that he was disappointed

not to be on the senior tour but he remains part of the

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Sport in brief

Rugby Union

John Lomu, brother of Jonah will make his Welsh Cup debut on Saturday for Old Ilitydians away to Swanses Uplands. Jonah, meanwhile, injured a shoulder as the All Blacks drew 18-18 with Griqualand West in Kimberley...

ice Hockey Cardiff Devils have signed the forwards Vezio Sacratini from Milan 24 and Steffen Ziesche from Frankfurt

Lions, writes Vic Batchelder. Chess The team of veteran champions won 27%-22% against the

world's best women in the Foxtrot match in London, unites Leonard Barden. Experis attributed the result to the absence of Judit Polgar, the world's No. 1 woman, competing against men in

Seiling

Andy and Im Budgen still lead the Laser 5000 National Championship in Hayling Bay, but not with any great authority, writes Bob Fisher. They finished 10th, eighth and third yesterday as Tracey Covell and Stave Mitchell narrowed the gap to six points.

Golf Tiger Woods, the US amateur champion three times run-ning has turned professional Gotf

Course for complaint in Ryder race

David Davies at Collingtree Park

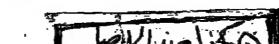
TEN out of 12 of the last Ryder Cup team appear this week in the One 2 One British Mesters being staged on this course near Northampton.

This is hardly surprising since this is the week when the race for the Ryder Cup rankings begins again. Over the next 12 months there will be talk of little

What is surprising, though, is the condition of the course. Despite continual calls from all concerned and the condition of tour-nament courses, this event is being contested on a moderate lay-out with greens so poor that they are having to apply "liquid colourings" in order to make them look better than they

The European Tour has apologised for not giving the golfers "the greens that we would want or that you would expect" and the players are taking comfort in the aptest platitude available to them - it's the same

for everyone. Severiano Ballesteros. who is feeling his way as Ryder Cup captain, has reiterated that he wants players like the US Masters champion Nick Faldo, lan Woosnam and Jose-Maria Olazabal to try to qualify for the team, so that he ha more latitude over his selections. He has only two, which he, like most people concerned with getting the 12 best Europeans into the



## THE END OF A CENTURY OF TRADITION LEADS TO OFF-FIELD MAULS AND RARE DISPLAYS OF OPPORTUNISM











Stepping into a brave new world . . . Rob Andrew teamed up with Sir John Hall at Newcastle; Jonathan Davies returned to Wales; Martin Bayfield gave up his day job; Philippe Sella crossed the Channel; and Scott Quinnell wanted a pay rise Twelve months ago a once rigidly amateur game embraced professionalism. David Plummer looks at the growing pains of a pastime that has turned into a business

# A year that shook the world of rugby union

THE International Board, meeting in Paris, aban-dons 120 years of tradition and rugby union becomes the last major spectator sport to embrace professionalism. "Within two or three years a tiny percentage of professional rugby players will emerge at the top end of the game. They will have no other job. They will no longer be able to miss a league game because they want to attend a wedding," says Will Carling.

The IB chairman Vernon Pugh says the abandonment of amateurism has been made. Within two or three years a

of amateurism has been made to end hypocrisy. "We had a situation which tended to make honest men dishonest. The social and moral philosophy of an intensely competitive worldwide sport in 1995 is, rightly or wrongly, very different from that of the late 1890s and even of the late 1980s. The limited role of the IB has to change."

Rugby league professionals are told they will be able to return to union. Jonethan Davies has talks with Cardiff. The Welsh Rugby Union plans to employ its leading players on annual contracts of £20,000.

#### September 1995

EWCASTLE Gosforth be-comes Newcastle Rugby Football Club Ltd. an offshoot of Newcastle United PC, in a multi-million pound agree-ment. The RFU's chairman of marketing. Colin Herridge, says a European Super League will be the salvation player. French clubs vote against full-blown profession-alism. The RFU announces one-year moratorium on pro-fessionalism. First Division clubs in Wales form them-selves into First Division Rugby Ltd.
Ireland announce that only international players will be

'Players will no

longer miss a league game to attend a wedding'

paid in the new season.

players' union in England and Wales is set up. The RFU sets up a commission on professionalism. England's League One clubs declare a vote of no confidence in it. Five Nations meet to set up a European Cup. France de-clare their unhappiness over the proposed distribution of revenue from the competition. RFU and Scotland decide not to field sides until the following season.

rugby director of Newcastle on a five-year contract worth 2788,000. England's League One clubs form their own company, following Wales

England's lock Martin Bay-field asks for a five-year sab-batical from the police force to become a full-time rugby \$20 million television deal. cures sponsorship from Hein-eken. ITV signs a four-year £20 million television deal.

#### October 1995

EMBERS of the England
Visquad refuse to sign professional contracts drawn up
by the RFU because the terms
have not been approved by
their clubs. The IB prohibits
club contracts from cutting across national requirements. Only unions may negotiate broadcasting rights. Jonathan Davies signs for Cardiff from Warrington for £70,000.

#### November 1995

NGLAND's top clubs call for the introduction of transfer fees and professional contracts as well as a greater share of money from television and sponsorship deals agreed by the RFU. The RFU's commission on professionalism reports. Moratorium on professionalism to be lifted at the end of the season along with the 120-day qualification period for players moving clubs. Players will not be entitled to a percentage of trans-fer fees but will be allowed to negotiate a signing on fee. Proposal that the Five Nations be moved to May. The millionaire Nigel Wray pumps £2.5m into Saracens. Scotland draws up contracts for its national squad players worth more than £20,900 a man. The RFU sets aside \$1.5m to pay for its top 50 players and its manage-ment team. The businessman Keith Barwell promises to in-

vest £1m in Northempica.

FU and Rugby Football League plan two matches between Bath and Wigan to decide the best of the best. The Australian Ross Turnbull offers leading players £200,000 to play in an international summer circus. England players sign contracts with RFU worth £28,000.

CLIFF BRITTLE to chal-lenge John Jeavons-Fellows for the position of RFU executive committee chairman. Referees to receive £400 for controlling international matches. NEC injects £1.5m into Harlequins. Saracens sign Michael Lynagh and Philippe Sella. Brittle defeats Jeavons-Fellows by 647 votes to 332. Chaos predicted as pro-

March 1996



Code-breakers . . . Tulgamela catches up with Sleightholme

by the clubs. First Division clubs renew their breakaway threat.

#### February 1996 NGLAND's leading play

contract which asks players to choose between club and country. England's leading players demand a minimum wage of £18,000. Special general meeting of the RFU agrees the same should so ers are asked to sign con-tracts with their clubs. The Wales lock Gareth Llewellyn joins Harlequins in a six-fig-ure deal. Sky bids to televise agrees the game should go open. Union and leading clubs club rugby exclusively live in England and Wales. The milstill deadlocked over con-tracts. Leading players in South Africa sign contracts worth £425,000 over three lionaire Ashley Levett seeks to pump £2.5m into Rich-mond. Welsh referees threaten to strike in row over

April 1996 RFU offers players, £44,000 to stay in Ireland after **B**ATH members vote to turn the club into a plc. Clubs in England and Wales offers from English clubs. Wales, Scotland and Ireland threaten to eject England from the Five Nations in a want to take over the running to 332. Chaos predicted as pro-fessionalism is not accepted quins threaten legal action row over television money. The RFU has given notice of

> joint negotiations and secure its own television deal. deal with Sky for the rights to all its rugby, including cham-pionship matches; Wales, Scotland and Ireland offered lesser deals, Brittle supporters announce plans to sack RFU secretary Tony Hallett.

its intention to pull out of

#### May 1996

CLUBS insist on taking full control of the European Cup. Cardiff's prop Mike Griffiths signs £210,000 deal with Wasps. Richmond sign Scott Quinnell, having landed Ben Clarke, Andy Moore and Adrian Davies, RFU threat-ened with mutiny by its own players if England are kicked

away. RFU and the First Division clubs agree a power-sharing package which allows the clubs a major say in sponsor-ship and televiston deals and the running of club competitions. The media twoon Chris. tions. The media tycoon Chris Wright bids to take control of Wasps and Queens Park

#### 'We had a situation which tended to make honest men dishonest'

**Vernon Pugh** 

Rangers FC. Bath play Wigan in league and union.

THE former England man-ager Geoff Cooke becomes director of rugby at Bedford after the club gets a £2m cash injection. RFU confirms Sky

WELSH RU rejects Sky offer. The businessman Andrew Brownsword puts £5m into Bath. WRU and clubs reach agreement over the way forward. Bill Bishop, outgoing RFU president, steps in to try to resolve the Five

against the WRU for holding Gareth Llewellyn to the 180-day qualification rule. WRU deal Wales's top clubs offered eventually backs down. benture holders threaten legal action against the RFU if England are not readmitted to

the championship. England bid to play Austra-lia, New Zealand and South Africa on a regular basis. Wa-les's clubs reach £22.5m deal with Sky for Welsh league and Anglo-Welsh matches. Rejected by the WRU. England's clubs again threaten to break away saying promises have been broken. Scott Gibbs signs for Swansea

NGLAND make concessions to stay in the Five Nations. They are rejected be-cause the RFU refuses to unscramble its Sky contract. England given until the end of the month to step into line. Row between England and Wales after the cancellation of challenge matches between the league and cup winners in both countries. WRU threat-ens legal action. Scott Quin-nell threatens not to play for Wales again unless the WRU improves its £2,000 match fee. Welsh clubs threaten a players' strike unless the WRU accepts their Sky deal Wigan players Hanry Paul and Va'aiga Tuigamala join Bath and Wasps respectively. England negotiate to play six Tests against the South-ern Hemisphere superpowers next year. Brittle still work-ing behind the scenes to save the Five Nations but fixtures

are drawn up for a home-and-away Four Nations Champi-

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# SportsGuardian

## **England** in world series scheme

Robert Armstrong

WICKENHAM IS putting the finish-ing touches to a new gilt-edged interna-tional fixture list for 1997 in response to England's likely exclusion by the other home unions from the Five Nations Championship.

Plans by Wales, Scotland and Ireland to set up an alternative championship along with France were discussed at a meeting in Loudon last night. But they will be heavily overshadowed by an annual world Test series that brings England, South Africa, New Zealand, Australia and France into regular

competition.

The sport's major nations have shied away from formally introducing an annual championship which would have undermined the status of the World Cup held each nation, with rare excep-tions, will play a minimum of two Tests annually against all the others on a home-andaway basis. The television rights to each Test outside the Southern Hemisphere's Tri-Nations series will be sold by

Despite the Rugby Football Union's exclusion from the Five Nations TV Committee meeting held near Heathrow. Twickenham has drawn a measure of comfort from Scotland's inclusion of the tradi-tional Calcutta Cup match in their official fixture list for

BBC - which they are willing to test in the courts - to participate in next year's Five Nations Championship but English concern about being consigned to an international no man's land has diminished

South Africa, the World Cup holders, who finished third in this year's Tri-Nations tournament, are the latest country to agree to play England on an annual basis irrespective of their participation in other competitions. In addition Namibia, Fiji and Western Samoa are virtually certain to figure in warm-up matches against England relatively short trip to the Southern Hemisphere for a major Test. Italy are also expected to play England once a

that a compromise over their £87.5 million TV deal with BSkyB can be worked out with the other home unions but they also take the view that the long-term develop-ment of English rugby depends mainly on frequent meetings with the Southern Hemisphere nations. "We want to keep our latest pro with the other unions confi-dential but, having said that, the Five Nations Champion-ship is now merely a part of the overall competitive pic-ture and not the apex of the season," said an RFU spokesman.
"It is up to the other home

unions to get back to us but we don't think any construc-tive purpose is served by the unions criticising each other in public. The ball is in their court and now we can only wait and see what they come up with.
"We expect next season":

Five Nations matches to go ahead as planned and in addition those games arranged as part of the Anglo-Welsh club competition remain on our fixture list. The clubs involved are already preparing

England's leading players are eager to perform in Five Nations matches next Febru-ary and March before they face the challenge of South Afne new season.

England believe they have a spal right under the current will also face some Englishtelevision contract with the men in the three Tests against the Lions next June and July. Those elite players who receive contracts worth around £40,000 a year from the RFU believe Twickenham is not in a position to concede too much to the other unions in terms of TV revenue already negotiated for their home games.

There is also growing unease among the Welsh clubs that the Welsh Rugby Union may have over-played its hand in turning down a £40.5 the hope of hammering out a ory alternative with a terrestrial channel.

whenever they embark on a Year of change, page 15

## US OPEN: TWO FORMER CHAMPIONS SHOW LITTLE SIGN OF RECENT WOBBLES



Serving notice . . . Thomas Muster, the third seed, during his 6-1, 7-6, 6-2 win over Javier Frana PROTOGRAPH MINE SECAR

# Sampras and Seles waste no time

ETE SAMPRAS and Monica Seles boarded fast trains to first-round vic-tories here yester-day, though both have experi-enced such trials and tribulations this year that it is impossible to be certain that their blood will not be on the tracks farther down the

The relatively poor form of Sampras this year, and his failure to win a Grand Slam title, can largely be put down to the long-term grief he suf-fered over the illness and ulti-mate death of his close friend

and coach Tim Gullikson. sant coach the Guilleson.

Sampras admitted he was blown away by Australia's Mark. Philippousets in the third round of the Australian Open early in the year, but his emotional fragility in the French Open and Wimbledon could not be hidden.

He returned to winning

He returned to winning ways just before the US Open with a victory in Indianapolis against Goran Ivanisevic. Not that this can necessarily be seen as a good omen; in the three years Sampras has won the US title he has never won

and top seed here, has won two Grand Slam tournaments in each year since 1993. He should have begun his de-fence against Adrian Voinea but the Romanian pulled out this year's tournament saw in the morning with an ankle | Andre Agassi, resplendent (or m the morning with an ankle injury and was replaced by Jimy Szymanski of Venezu-ela, a lucky — or perhaps not so lucky — loser. Szymanski, aged 20, had never played a Grand Slam match before and was duly

dispatched in straight sets. The reasons for Seles's struggles this year are alto-gether more complex. She began the year with victors began the year with victory in the Australian Open against Germany's Anke Huber, a first-round loser here on Monday, but then began to have problems with her right shoulder.

At the French Open she was

by Jana Novotna, who repeated this victory in the Olympics while at Wimble-don Seles lost tamely in the second round to Slovakia's Katarina Studenikova.

In both those defeats Seles was unable to win the big was suddenly called into question. Indeed in Paris she admitted to being "scared", a word nobody had heard her use before. How much of this can be put down to her injury, and how much is a residue of the 1993 stabbing, remains

19-year-old American Anne Miller, there were few probems, as the 6-0, 6-1 score sug ssts. The stickiest momen game of the opening set when Miller took the No. 2 seed's

Seles has still not decided when she will have an opera than two years because of the months' rehabilitation if she has surgery. "I don't want to think about it. Maybe there is a chance of avoiding an operation." This seems to be ful thinking.

Thomas Muster, No. 3 see made short work of Argenti-na's Javier Frana and there was an equally emphatic first-round victory for America's Lindsay Davenport, the Olym-pic champion, against Italy's Adriana Serre-Zanetti.

otherwise, according to taste) in a blue shirt the shade of a French garage mechanic's overalls, turn out the light on in extremely straight sets. .The men's tournament,

which had already lost two top-10 players — Boris Becker (injured) and Yevgeny Kafel-nikov (returned home in a huff) — was further weakened when Jim Courier, the No. 8 seed, pulled out with a broised left knee. Britain's Tim Henman

made a winning start when he defeated the 157th-ranked substitute Robert Jabali 6-2, beaten in the querier-finals 6-3.6-4.

## Graham ready to take on City job

lan Ross on the search for a successor to Alan Ball in the Maine Road hot seat

treading familiar ground yesterday when they began scouring the country for a manager capable of rousing one of English football's slumbering giants. George Graham is the early favourite.

On Monday evening, three games into the season, the last man charged with the responsibility for overseeing a renaissance in the club's fortunes, Alan Ball, resigned. If Ball's fraught relation-ship with the First Division club's long-suffering support made his departure inevita ble, the question of who will succeed him at Maine Road is not so clear-cut. Graham, the former

Arsenal manager, officially registered his interest within hours of learning that Ball's who was dismissed by

ANCHESTER City | an end. "Of course I am inter said. This is a big job at what is a very big club. But I have not yet spoken to anyone. Certainly the 51-year-old Scot will figure prominently on a shortlist of candidates

that will be drawn up this evening when the City board meets in emergency session.
"If George Graham or who ever else made it known to us they were interested in the job, we would, of course, in-terview them," said the City

chairman Francis Lee. Graham was considered by City in July last year between the sacking of Brian Horton and the appointment of Ball. At that point he was believed to be third choice, ahead of Ball but behind Manchester United's assistant manage Brian Kidd and Bruce Rioch

The man City would like to under fire. "He has had a has got more guts in his hig nstall as their 15th manager torrid time in the press and toe than a lot of people have the fans have started to have a got in their whole body. We all you have the fans have started to have a got in their whole body. We all you have the fans have started to have a got in their whole body. We all you have the fans have started to have a got in their whole body. We all you have the fans have started to have a got in their whole body. We all you have the fans have started to have a got in their whole body. We all you have the fans have started to have a got in their whole body. We all you have the fans have started to have a got in the press and the fans have started to have a got in the press. install as their 15th manager in 24 turbulent years is Kenny Daiglish, who last week severed his ties with Blackburn Rovers after five highly

But he is thought unlikely to join a club with debts conservatively estimated to be around £14 million. As Ball discovered, the club's trans-fer fund is virtually non-existent and City's next manager will be scraping the bottom of an almost empty barrel. In truth City's short list is likely to embrace no more

Rioch will again come into consideration but his long-standing friendship with Lee may actually count against him. After the disastrous ap-pointment of his bosom pal Ball, several influential members of the City hierarchy would prefer the relationship between chairman and new manager to be less cosy.

Predictably Lee was yester

day fulsome in his praise of

happens, it is very difficult to

rectify things. Alan Ball has

done a lot of good things for

this club but the results on the pitch are what matters most.

sion and admire a lot of other

things he has done here. He

"I admire him for his deci

Lee ... praise for Ball

Lee also revealed that Ball had been required to quell something of a player muthry last season, centred around Maine Road's most valuable tional midfielder Georgiou

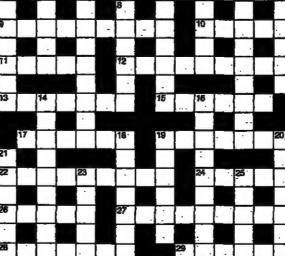
"There were one or two players in the dressing-room who were causing problems," said Lee. "Senior players who are not now with the club did not want him in the team and that was the sort of situation Alan had to sort out.

Ball's assistant, Asa Hart-ford, a former City player, has been placed in charge of first-team affairs on a temporary basis but whether or not he will still be running things when City next take the field, against Charlton Athletic on Tuesday night, remains to be

Case for Graham, page 14

#### **Guardian Crossword No 20,743**

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- 1 Animals, cone sullors (6)
- 4 Compensation for mother taking a long time (7) 9 Vast spring? Not so (9) 10 Contemptuously refuse a
- 11 City, leader in sin, suffering doom (5) 12 Tense claim that one lacks

little sugar grain (5)

- faults (9) 13 Violation of palisade (7) 15 Hunter's D minor variation (6) 17 Fruit and nuts rejected by
- child (6) 19 Very moral old city - it is embraced by a god (7) 22 Jewish governor turning to
- 24 Took initial copies of recordings (5)
- 26 Hop in a European city (5) 27 Poor writer of poor
- 28 Was fast listener fixed or transfixed? (7) 29 Teach where the publis are (6)
- DOWN 1 Check when cold duck needed hot sauce (7) 2 Enclose money (5)
- 3 Churned-up mud's inert elements (9) 4 Rough sand put in
- receptacle (7) . Scrooge in film is erratic (5) 6 Bird has to pay for plant (9) 7 Utteridiot going in for
- mental health (6) 8 Stop work and go to bed (6) 14 The scent of cod in another country (9)

16 Money for Garman airline



goes to one northern writer (4,5) 18 Stationery item obtained

home (7) 19 Delicately coloured plates thrown (6)

20 Remedy for saint restrained by lack of spirit (7) 21 Ghosts in sunglesses (6)

23 Dismal doctor gets audience (5) 25 Grass given to an animal (5 Solution tomorrow

Then call our solutions line



From time to time he would invite his favourites into a small workshop next to the gym, where he plied us with Senior Service untipped and bottles of Mackeson before plunging his busy fingers down our shorts.

